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Our 112th Year



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

The Commonwealth's Teacher of the Year — Andover High School teacher David Lussier, named as the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, was honored Monday at the Statehouse. Flanked by State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) and State Sen. Sue Tucker (D-Andover), Lussier stood while a resolution recognizing his achievement was read into the record. As a mother and a former teacher, Tucker says she is inspired by Lussier's passion for teaching. Finegold, the son of teachers Sondra and Michael Finegold of Andover, says Lussier "embodies all the traits of an excellent teacher."

New contract discussed for Stapczynski

Tardy selectmen dust off year-old evaluations

By Neil Fater

Selectmen's individual evaluations of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's work during fiscal year 1998 did nothing but sit on a shelf last year. The evaluations were never used or compiled.

But with Stapczynski's contract ending in June of 2000, selectmen now say it's time that

they dusted off those evaluations.

Selectmen on Monday said they may use the year-old forms, and new data from the past year, to evaluate Stapczynski for both fiscal years 1998 and 1999, which ended June 30.

Selectmen say they will decide if Stapczynski deserves a retroactive raise and a new contract.

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Residents step up to conserve Kutz land

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Residents aiming to limit development of the Kutz Estate on Central Street and Lupine Road have agreed to attempt to buy a portion of the estate.

Area residents first looked to AVIS to purchase the land and donate it to the town for conservation purposes, but the deal fell through, says Central Street resident Abby O'Hara.

O'Hara now plans to buy a portion of the property adjacent to her property, which includes a vernal pool and a large amount of wetlands. While the portion she plans to buy would probably not be developed by the trustees of the estate, the purchase would reduce the number of homes the developer could put on the property, she says.

A plan which first came before

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Bicycling across Iowa: 'It's hotter than blazes!'

By Taylor Armerding

Every year since 1992, a group of Andover residents have traveled to Iowa during the last week of July to participate in one of the biggest non-competitive bicycle rides in the country.

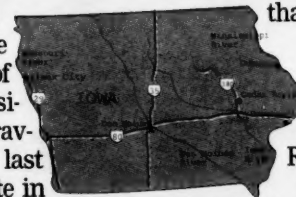
The event, now in its 27th year, was started by a couple of columnists from *The Des Moines Register*, and is still sponsored by

that newspaper.

Hence its name RAGBRAI, the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa.

Bill Pennington has been the only Andover rider to make the trip every year since 1993. He even hosts a pre-RAGBRAI ride in March. Some years as many as a dozen local resi-

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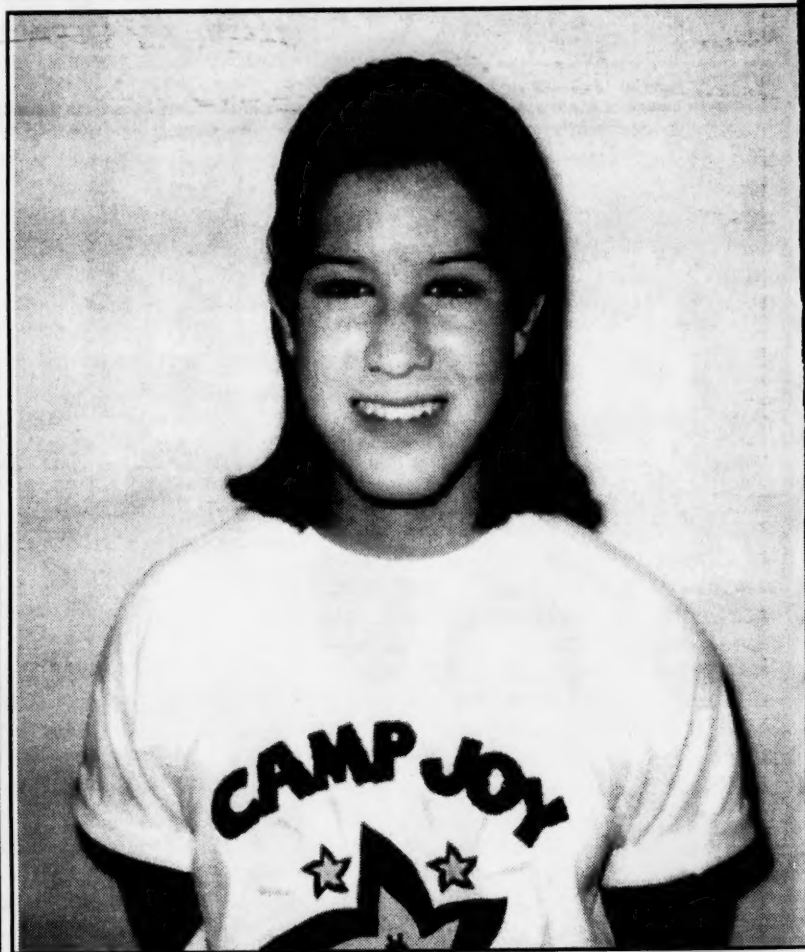


Photo by Carol Van Doren

Cool counselor — Andover High sophomore Diana Vining volunteered for the summer camp for inner city children.

Camp counselor finds camp a cool learning experience

Diana Vining, 15, of Andover has not been having trouble finding things to do with her free time this summer.

The Kung-Fu black belt and camp counselor has recently returned from Clarksville, Ohio, where she volunteered two weeks of her time and hard work to the Joy Outdoor Center, a summer camp for inner city children.

"I spent the first week doing physical labor, like trail maintenance," she says. "But then I spent the second week as a camp counselor for the kids."

Vining volunteered for the summer camp through Landmark Volunteers of Sheffield, Mass., who passed out brochures at Andover High School before the end of the year.

"I was looking for something to do for the summer," says Vining. "When I got the Landmark brochure it seemed like a cool thing to do."

For Vining, the experience ended up being more than just cool. It also became a personal learning experience as well, she says.

"I learned how to be patient," she says. "The kids can be really tough. Some of them come from bad homes and acted tough when

they got there, but by the end of the week they cried getting on the bus to leave, and I missed them when they were gone. It was very touching."

Vining can apparently handle the pain of leaving camp, however, as she hopes to do it again next summer at Joy Outdoor Center with the same 7- to 12-year-old group of children.

As for the rest of the summer, Vining will have plenty to do before starting her sophomore year at Andover High School. Among other things, she will assist with younger classes at Yang's Martial Arts and work as a counselor at the Kaleidoscope day camp at West Elementary School.

— Joe Vieira

Chief's son is among new firefighters

Four new firefighters were sworn in last week, including the son of Fire Chief Harold Wright.

Firefighters Scott Gibson,

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rep. Finegold has Andover office hours

State Representative Barry Finegold (D-Andover, Lawrence) will hold office hours today, Thursday, July 29, at the Andover Senior Center at Whittier Court from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and Memorial Hall Library on Elm Square from 6 to 7 p.m.

Help with prescriptions for veterans

Any honorably discharged veteran may obtain his/her prescription medications from the Veterans Administration for \$2 per prescription. To take advantage of this program you must enter the VA healthcare system and take a physical exam, which will cost the average veteran about \$45.80 as a co-payment. At the exam, explain to the VA doctor what prescriptions you are currently taking and he/she will rewrite them so you can receive them by mail from the nearest VA pharmacy. You will be billed \$2 per prescription. There are no hidden costs or catches; this is an entitlement to veterans.

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Web poll results

In response to the question, "In the wake of intense opposition to a paint manufacturing plant in Andover, should the town revise its zoning to limit, or eliminate, further industry," eight people voted to revise the zoning, five people voted to eliminate further industry. One person e-mailed to say that the poll should have had the choice of "keep as is."

This week's question is:

"Should road access to the skate park be limited?" Surf over to www.andovertownsmen.com and cast your vote.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, July 29

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Board of Assessors' conference room, second floor, Town Offices, 2 p.m.

Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Area Traffic Task Force, third floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, community meeting, West Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 3

Conservation Commission, third floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 4

Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness Program, second floor, Old Town Hall, 1:15 p.m.

Senior Center Building Committee, Senior Center, 7 p.m.

Design Advisory Group, first floor conference room, Town Offices, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 5

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, second floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Townwide Strategic Planning Task Force, third floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 9

Board of Selectmen, third floor conference room, Town Offices, work session, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 10

School Committee, workshop in executive session, president's reception room, Merrimack College, 3 p.m.; executive session, Superintendent's Conference Room, School Administration Building, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Preservation Commission, second floor conference room, Town Offices, 5:30 p.m.

Andover Fire Department reception for new firefighters, third floor, Memorial Hall Library, 5 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

'When we put in the skate park last year, one of the issues neighbors raised was the cut-through traffic. The skate park was so popular last year, and again this year, that the neighbors came to us.

Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, on Moraine Street being closed to traffic for the summer.

'Im getting back into shape, apparently, because I caught him without a problem."

Police officer Robert Cronin, on the capture of a suspect that ended a car chase and search through Andover that involved about two dozen state and town officers.

'Absolutely no good is going to come of developing this property other than to make money."

Dick Canterbury, a resident who says he would rather not see any development of the Kutz property.

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Tara Kavanaugh, James T. Landry Jr. and Brian T. Wright were approved by selectmen and sworn in by the Andover Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

Wright, son of the fire chief, and Kavanaugh, who reportedly celebrated her 21st birthday last Monday, the day of swearing-in, are also trained EMTs (emergency medical technicians), and will soon be able to staff the ambulance.

All four candidates have passed a Civil Service exam and several strenuous physical exams, Chief Wright says, but they won't be seeing action until a few months from now.

They will be trained in fire-fighting and Andover Fire Department protocol before entering the fire-fighting academy for 11 weeks, Wright says.

There will be a reception for the new firefighters and their families and friends, scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10 at Memorial Hall Library.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Afarian Golf Tourney called a success

Organizers of the third Peter M. Afarian Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament, held at the Andover Country Club on July 12, declared it "a huge success."

The tournament was held to raise money for the scholarship fund established by the family in memory of Andover High School graduate Peter M. Afarian, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident three years ago. Afarian had just completed his first year at Fitchburg State College, where he was a goalie on the hockey team.

Exactly 144 golfers took part in this year's tournament, which raised about \$18,000.

Among the participants were former Bruin goalie and coach Gerry Cheevers, Fitchburg State hockey coach Dean Fuller and Rep. Barry Finegold. Other family members, friends and business associates also participated.

Following the tournament, which was preceded by a grill lunch prior to a scramble start, dinner was served in the Andover Room, and more than 210 people attended.



Above are 1999 scholarship winners Matthew Antaya and Michael Johnson with Mary Ann Afarian. At right are Michael Azurian and Phillip Aroian with former Bruin Gerry Cheevers.



The program began with a moment of silence in memory of Peter.

Highlights of the evening included Gerry Cheevers introducing past and present recipients of the PMA scholarships. Each of the six students commented on the value of receiving the scholarship award and their memories of friend Peter Afarian.

This year's scholarships were also awarded to Matthew Antaya and Michael Johnson, who both played hockey for Andover High School and

graduated this year.

"Without everyone's help all this would not have come to pass," said Gregory Afarian, Peter's brother, about the turnout and continued support of the event and his brother's fund.

The winners of the tournament were Bob Hutchins, Maurice Woods and John Zimmerman with a 58. Second-place winners were Ed Deloury, Roger Collins, John Gaunt, Joe Watson and Charles Murnane with a 62.

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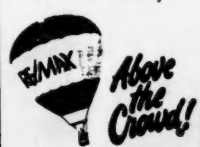
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Selectmen help residents make the connection

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Margaret Pustell is hoping Andover residents will exercise some muscle power to reduce the amount of vehicle traffic in town.

As a member of Andover Community Paths Committee, Pustell convinced Selectmen to approve a policy to

Andover connecting public areas.

The policy states that the town supports traffic calming efforts, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly enhancements, and the continued development of community paths, trails and linkages.

Many of the public paths were not marked as such, and looked like private property, she says. The committee is now in the process of marking all the

public paths with an identifying sign.

Few of the paths are paved, Pustell says. The rest are dirt or stone dust paths offering connections between public streets and properties or AVIS trails through conservation land.

Public trails in Andover include portion of the Bay Circuit Trail, about 16 miles of which run through Andover and provide a way to hike

from one end of town to the other.

Transportation Coordinator Carol Znamierowski, of the School Department, says there are more than 830 students in town who are not eligible for busing; 600 in middle school or high school, and 230 at the elementary level.

While many of those students are driven to school, the South and Sanborn elementary schools have more students walking to school than others, she says.

Pustell says one reason she advo-

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promote safe, non-motorized forms of transportation, and released a list of paths in

Andover Community Paths

Bancroft Road to Holt Road
High Plain Road to West Elementary School (one paved, another near Beacon Street)
Acorn Drive to Chester Street
Dale Street to AVIS Shawsheen River Trail
Doyle Link (Lowell Street to High Plain Road and Candlewood Drive)
West Parish Drive to Virginia Road
Stafford Lane to Lowell Street
Sunset Rock Road to Rattlesnake Hill Road
Andover Street (back of #246 to gravel pit and between #264 and #270 to the gravel pit)
Stevens Street to Joyce Terrace behind Marland Place via Castle Park
Cutler Road to Oriole Drive (Old Stage Road)
Shirley Street to Beacon Street
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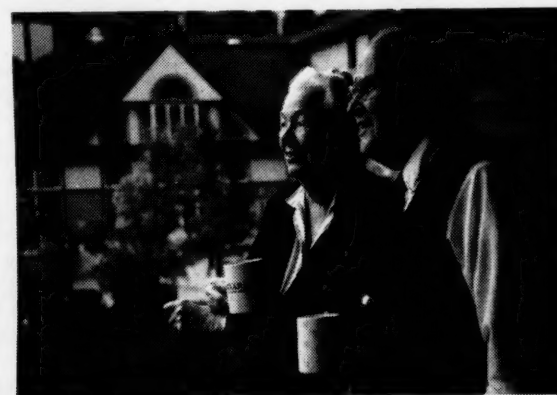
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Police nab car thief in Hunter's Ridge marsh

By Neil Fater

After searching a muddy marsh for nearly an hour, looking for accused car thief Louis Colon, Officer Bob Cronin began to get, well, a sinking feeling.

He thought the suspect might have escaped. But then Cronin got his first whiff of Colon.

"I happened to be in the Hunter's Ridge area (in northern Andover) when, for whatever reason, he didn't see me. He popped out of the marsh or wetland, and we had a brief footrace," says Cronin, a distance runner. "I'm

getting back into shape, apparently, because I caught him without a problem."

The capture ended a car chase and search through Andover that Cronin figures involved 25 state and town officers.

Colon, 25, of 170 Spruce St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property (the car), speeding, failing to stay in marked lanes, operating to endanger, failing to stop for police, leaving the scene of an accident and resisting arrest.

The incident began around rush hour Monday evening when a state trooper tried to pull over Colon on Interstate 93 North, says State Police Sergeant Tim White.

Colon and a passenger led the trooper on a chase from I-93 to I-495 North, Route 28 South and then Route 133 West. Then Colon had an accident near Iceland Road.

"Nobody was injured. There were a male and a female (in the car). They tried to flee the scene. She was caught right there," says White. But Colon was

able to make his escape into the woods.

The woman caught, Cristi Holmes, 22, of 82-2 Batchelder Ave., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property.

No bail was set for Holmes, but White said Monday she planned to stay in custody overnight because she could not pay the commissioner the necessary \$25 bail fee to be released.

The search

While Holmes was taken into custody, Cronin says Andover police and state officers from both the Andover and Medford barracks, the Community

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Local paths

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cates for safer public paths is that many Andover residents say they won't let their children walk or bike in many parts of town because traffic is too dangerous.

The Community Paths Committee is working on having more public ways authorized by the town, including areas around the new schools slated for Cross Street and High Plain Road and areas around the Chandler Road playing fields.

The group also encourages the town to add things like fog lines, or the lines painted in the street which keep traffic away from the edge of the road and create a narrow part of the roadway safe for bikers or rollerbladers.

Selectmen unanimously adopted the policy Monday.

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Moraine Street is closed off for summer

By Neil Fater

Moraine Street may be a public way, but this summer it's also a gated community — and a dead-end street.

As a way to appease at least one Moraine Street resident, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski is having a school gate near the end of Moraine Street locked all summer, so that people driving themselves or their children to the skate park won't use Moraine.

Moraine is the small street off Red Spring Road that leads to an access road for Andover High and West Middle schools.

Normally, many motorists take Moraine and then the access road to the town's skate park, the two schools, or the schools' playing fields and tennis courts.

But this summer, people driving to the skate park or tennis courts must approach from the north on more heavily traveled Shawsheen Street.

"When we put in the skate park last year, one of the issues neighbors raised was the cut-through traffic," says Stapczynski. "The skate park was so popular last year, and again this year, that the neighbors came to us."

Stapczynski says that neighbors have been supportive of the park, but he felt this was something the town could do to make things more pleasant for them. The gate is locked during the school year, each school day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., he says.

Stapczynski says he doesn't believe the locked gate would affect Andover's emergency response capability in case of an injury in the area.

Asked about the safety issue of a locked gate near tennis courts and the skate park, safety officer Bob Cronin says, "The decision was made at the Town Offices and I haven't really been consulted on it. I



Photo by Carol Van Doren

A safety issue — This locked gate near the tennis courts and the skate park prevents traffic from cutting through Moraine Street, off Red Spring Road, which leads to an access road for Andover High and West Middle schools.

think from an emergency response (view), the swiftest response is the straightest response."

"I wouldn't say we used Moraine Street on a regular

basis," says Chief Brian Pattullo. "But if we were responding to the field that could affect our response a bit."

But Pattullo, like Stapczynski, notes that each cruiser has

a master key that will open the gate.

"I don't feel it's a major inconvenience for us. It's probably more of an impact on that neighborhood," says Pattullo.

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Way to go, third-graders

The Grade 3 Iowa Reading Test results have just been released by David P. Driscoll, Massachusetts commissioner of education.

The 75-minute test was given statewide to 75,000 public school third-graders in April, making 1999 the third consecutive year the test has been administered.

The standardized test allows Massachusetts third-grade students to be compared with their nationwide peers.

In Andover, third-grade students achieved a Reading Total Percentile of 83, a gain of five points when compared with last year's rank of 78.

Moreover, these students demonstrated an overall mastery of reading comprehension, with the top Advanced Reader category swelling 15 percent (to 49%, up from last year's 34%). The 15 percent gain came from the ranks of the second-highest test category, Proficient Readers (now 38%, down from last year's 53%).

Barry Finegold, Andover's state representative, brought a copy of the results to the *Townsmen* office on Monday. In the packet was a cover letter, addressed "Dear Legislator."

In it, Commissioner Driscoll states, "Reading is the gateway to all future learning. It is essential that by the third grade, all of our students are able to read effectively."

Rep. Finegold is justifiably proud of the results posted by our 481 third-graders, who were tested in the areas of reading comprehension, vocabulary and spelling.

"It just goes to show we have a lot of smart kids in Andover," he says. "Everyone criticizes the public schools when they don't think the job is getting done. It's important to acknowledge the success of the schools, when they prepare our students for success."

He points out that "the public schools are the No. 1 reason people move to Andover... And these test scores prove that Andover's public schools are as good as any in the state."

Claudia Bach, superintendent of schools, has given stability and direction to the system, he says. Good administration and teacher hirings, along with dedicated professionals already here, have strengthened the system.

Citizens here have made the schools a top priority, he says, and have supported — and funded — excellence in education.

And it has paid off.

Way to go, third-graders and teachers!



Photo by Carol Van Doren

A group of Andover children play in the Park before last Wednesday night's concert by Four Guys in Tuxes.

Helping Big Al close the clothing gap



Taylor Armerding

I'll admit to certain limitations — well, perhaps I should admit to massive incompetence — when it comes to clothes.

Fortunately, I never really considered fashion as a career, so I've been able to actually earn enough to eat for several decades doing something else.

Fortunately, I came of age at a time when I could throw on a pair of ratty bell-bottom pants, a tie-dyed T-shirt and a Navy surplus pea coat, and become the very image of high fashion — groovy, far out, peace, outta sight, righteous and right on. Death to the establishment and don't trust anybody over 30.

And now that I have — for quite some time actually — been untrustworthy enough to be over 30, clothes really don't matter all that much to me.

But it seems they're still constantly creating problems, as much as they ever did when the World War II

generation was cursing out the hygienic habits of hippies.

They're not all big problems. Sometimes they're just irritations, such as what happened this past week when a photographer and I were trying to identify kids at the local skate park.

The kid, according to the information in the notebook, was wearing baggy pants that hung down somewhere between the knees and the ankles. But they had also been pulled down from the waist, so there were several inches of boxer shorts showing. And then there was a T-shirt or something else.

So did that identify the kid? Of course not. How could it, when every other kid at the park was wearing essentially the same thing.

Ah, but that was just a small problem. There are also big problems. Political problems of cosmic importance, if you believe some of what is assaulting our ears from the presidential campaign trail.

Vice President Al Gore, according to what I read during the past week, is deeply troubled by clothes — some clothes, anyway.

Granted, this is hearsay. I wasn't there listening when the presumptive nominee of the Democratic Party for president of the United States was speaking.

But according to the most reliable sources I have, Big Al was promising

that if we'll just elect him president, he would work to pass a federal law that would ban gang-related clothing.

Well. For one thing, I thought Al would be far too busy "investing" the money collected from making sure "the wealthy" pay their "fair share" in other things, like cooling off the over-heated Earth and providing unlimited health care, adequate housing, Internet access and a guaranteed Ph.D. to every American.

Oh, yes, and making sure that the Internet he created was functioning properly.

But apparently he has time left over to promise federal legislation — that's right, a federal law — to regulate what clothes kids can wear.

I'm waiting for him to announce a \$100-billion federal program to add a G.O.R.E. (Gang Outfit Resistance Education) police officer in every community. I'm waiting for the courts to get clogged with fashion police cases, where the evidence piled up on the bench consists of baseball caps, T-shirts and tongue studs.

I'm all for discouraging gang activity. And in spite of my belief that this is yet another ludicrous attempt by Big Al to pander to some group of voters with a promise he couldn't keep even if he tried, since it's so blatantly unconstitutional, I know clothing is rarely a neutral thing. I know

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Letters

Paint factory permit was a forgone, smelly conclusion

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I live, to quote one of our selectman, "out there" where the paint factory will be located. Until last Monday, our area was known as the Sanborn or South School area.

It was obvious to me from the first hearing that the paint factory permit was a forgone conclusion. My God, the chairman of the selectman tried to get the permit passed right away.

But what prompted this letter to you was not that the selectmen didn't heed the wishes of the people, but the admonishment in the *Townsmen* by Selectman Becker to the "actions and the tone" of some of us who attended the hearings.

Why wouldn't we get angry? The board was not interested in our feelings or concerns at all. And to add insult to injury, Selectman Becker said it was a very difficult but "educated" decision. Give me a break, when you have to make a difficult decision, you go with

The action was 'uncivil'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Good for you on that editorial "Uncivil actions" (*Townsmen*, July 22, page 8).

I saw most of it on TV, was truly concerned by the mob-action mental-

ty, and admiring of the Selectmen who stood by the course of appropriate procedure and action.

Frederic A. Stott
4 Robandy Road

your family, and not a bunch of strangers.

Something smells in Andover, and it is not the paint factory. It is the "educated" attitude of our elected officials. It stinks!

James M. Batten
5 Cardinal Lane

Environmental inaction can produce some truly deadly results

Editor, *Townsmen*:

They say that if you place a frog in a lukewarm beaker of water and gradual-

ly increase the temperature, the frog will accept the deadly rise in heat and ultimately boil to death. Apparently, this tendency to be lulled into complacency in the face of danger is not unique to the poor frog.

Step back, citizens of the Merrimack Valley, and observe your acceptance to the gradual poisoning of your food and natural resources.

Last week's news revealed an alarming story. The fish in our local water bodies have the highest levels of mercury contamination in the entire state. According to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) the main source of this very potent toxin is trash incinerators. The DEP admits that the biggest culprit is the North

East Solid Waste Committee (NESWC) incinerator located in North Andover. Despite this, the DEP is happily going about its business of granting a permit to this facility that will allow it to continue emitting an estimated 364 pounds of mercury every year for another twenty years.

Our own state representatives lack the courage to close the NESWC incinerator for fear that the facility's owner will sue. The irony of this is appalling! An incinerator emits thousands of pounds of a deadly and persistent poison into OUR environment, and the owners of that facility may sue US if WE take action??

Wheelabrator accuses concerned citizens that they are using "innuendo" and scare tactics to close the incinerator.

However, one need not rely on innuendo when the facts speak clearly for themselves. More frightening than the facts is our resignation to the gradual poisoning of our environment.

The deadly results of our inaction will resonate into the lives of future generations well into the next century.

Jerry and Joan Tempesta
North Reading

Town Office Building Repurchase

In 1981, Andover residents voted to renovate the building known as Punchard High School and the then-vacant East Junior High School on Bartlet Street for use as Town and School administrative offices. The building was sold to a third party through a lease buy-back financing program under the direction of Anthony J. Torrisi, finance director. It was then renovated by Channel Building Co. Inc. In 1983, the Mass. Municipal Association recognized this "Creative Capital Financing Program" with the Kenneth E. Pickard Memorial Innovation Award. On July 15, the Town of Andover celebrated the repurchase of this building at a considerable savings to the Town. Celebrating at right are Buzz Stapczynski, town manager; Selectmen John Hess, Brian Major, Mary French; and Norma Gammon and Jerry Silverman. ►

Photo by Carol Van Doren



Clothing gap ...

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that gang-related colors sometimes leads to tragic violence.

But we also know — and Al should know — that kids who want to fight will find a way to do it. If they can't stake out their turf or their associations through clothes, they'll easily find another way to do it.

The kids at the local skate park aren't looking for fights, so far as I know, but they are looking to identify with their peer group. And those baggy pants, exposed underwear and the rest of it are a uniform every bit as much as the shirts, ties and blazers required at various prep schools.

So this actually leads a solution for Al. One that will be ever-so-much cheaper than the G.O.R.E. pro-

gram. One that will not require the passage of a federal law that would never get past the Supreme Court anyway. One that is essentially foolproof.

Al should promise that, if elected president, he will immediately impose the following dress code for all federal employees:

- Baggy jeans, cut off at mid-calf, with a minimum of three inches of boxer shorts showing from the waist.
- One or more of the following: A pierced navel, a tongue stud, pierced nose, eyebrows or ears.
- Hair must not be its natural color, nor should it be regularly washed.
- Baseball caps must be worn, backward.
- T-shirts are required, and must at least three sizes too large, and stretched out of shape. Employees are not required, but are encouraged to wear shirts with crass expressions on them, along the lines of the "Coed Naked" brand.
- At least one tattoo must be visible.

It wouldn't surprise me if it only took a couple of months for the kids to start running around in suits and ties.

Trust me, this has worked before. It was a funny thing, but as soon as the department stores started selling bell bottoms and tie-dyed shirts, somehow the youth culture lost interest in them.

And come to think of it, Al might be able to make the uniform of the street into the establishment all on his own. He could just start looking like that himself.

I can almost guarantee that if Al just starts wearing the clothes he finds so dangerous, they will disappear from the mean streets of our cities — and probably from the streets of Andover as well.

► Talk back to Taylor Armerding at: tarmerding@andovertownsmen.com

New contract, retroactive raise discussed for Stapczynski

(Continued from page 1)

If completed, the evaluation will be the first for Stapczynski since fiscal year 1997, when selectmen Larry Larsen and Bill Downs said they wanted a new town manager.

That selectmen never compiled the FY '98 evaluations may be a bit surprising to some residents because selectmen last year spent so much time creating the form for evaluating Stapczynski.

Each selectman also spent time completing the nine-page evaluation form they had created.

But for some reason, the individual evaluation forms gathered dust. No evaluation was ever completed.

During the past few weeks, the *Townsmen* has asked selectmen why nothing was ever done with last year's forms evaluating Stapczynski's work.

Selectman Brian Major, a Stapczynski supporter, says he believes some selectmen didn't like the forms because when they were completed, "things looked extremely positive" for Stapczynski.

For his part, Larsen, a

sometime Stapczynski detractor, says he tried to contact Major to compile the information and was unable to find a common date for the two to get together.

"Candidly, there was a part of me that wasn't eager to do it," added Larsen, at Monday's meeting. "I was just as pleased not to have to wrestle with the whole thing last year."

Selectman Lori Becker says former Selectman Bill Downs asked about the forms repeatedly.

"Nothing ever happened with it. Nothing. Usually selectmen get copies of each other's (evaluations) and even that didn't happen," says Becker.

Whatever the reason for the evaluating delay, Major resurrected the issue at Monday's meeting. He also called for Stapczynski's evaluations to be discussed in secret session.

"Last year the board filled out a questionnaire that Selectman Larsen and I put together," says Major. "What the board never did was to take that to the next step and sit down and talk about what a final summery should look like."

Car thief nabbed ...

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Action team, and two canine units were searching for Colon.

"Between the state police and us, we got there pretty quickly and had the area surrounded. The state had numerous troopers there and I believe they employed a helicopter for a while," he says.

Cronin says Colon may have entered the wetland by design, to try to lose the dogs.

"For the canine, one of the hardest things is to be in an area like that with a pond and a wetland and a running brook," says Cronin.

"(When Colon was arrested) he was soaking wet," he says. "I think he was trying to swim for it, at one point."

Colon was held on \$2,500 bail and both he and Holmes were arraigned in Lawrence District Court Tuesday, says White.

"The five of us should sit down in an executive session and just discuss it outright," says Major.

Executive session is a secret session from which the public is barred. Chairman John Hess asked if it's legal for selectmen to use the session for this purpose.

"It gets a little tricky because it's a little different from a personnel evaluation. It depends on what degree you

are discussing the contract renewal. I'll get you some guidelines on that," answers Town Counsel Tom Urbelis.

Selectmen continue to discuss setting goals for themselves that they plan to attain this current year, FY '00, which began July 1.

Selectmen have not yet discussed FY '00 goals for the town manager. In the past, selectmen have used goals to evaluate the town manager.

PictureTel unplugging from Brickstone

PictureTel is leaving Brickstone Square and moving some employees to its Minuteman Park headquarters, but 200 of its 1,400 employees will be laid off or not replaced.

Reports say the company lost \$31.8 million in the second quarter, and is cutting its manufacturing of hardware, such as video cameras, and producing just conferencing software to follow an industry-wide shift.

The company also attributes losses to a late release of its new video-conferencing system in February, which was then recalled and re-released in June.

Its next generation of products, made in conjunction with Intel Corp., is expected next year, reports say.

Of the 275 eliminated jobs, fewer than 75 are layoffs, reports say. The rest will not be filled as workers leave or retire, and many of the 300 engineers working at Brickstone will move to Minuteman Park. About 900 PictureTel employees work in Brickstone Square.

The development of new products may require a number of employees who have worked at PictureTel for years to be retrained on new systems.

Company spokesmen say that while jobs are being cut to hold down expenses, the issue is under control and "there is optimism within the company," he says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

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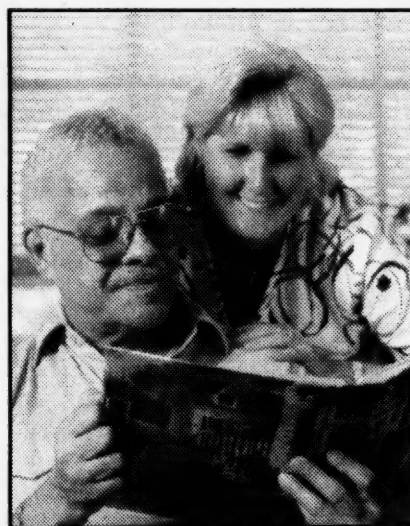
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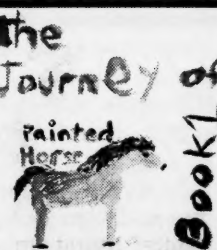
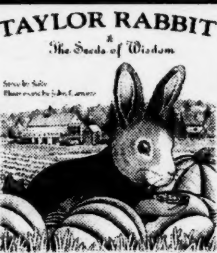
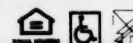
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Education

The dream team: Andover principals keep it in the family

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Students who attended schools where Vickie Simms is an administrator often see her husband, Larry Robinson, serving food at school events or chaperoning school dances. When a few students who arrived at the school where Robinson worked called him "Mr. Simms," he didn't bother to correct them, he says.

As Robinson celebrates his first year as principal of Andover High School, he and his wife, Simms, principal of West Middle School, celebrated their third wedding anniversary last week.

"There are no disadvantages to working in the same system," Robinson reported during an interview.

While the couple have worked in the same school system before, and in fact met each other that way, they spent this year working at schools on the same Andover campus and living on Bailey Road.

The arrangement works well so far, they say. They plan meetings on the same nights when they can so they have time off together, but is time off really time away from work?

"I will admit there's a lot of shop talk at dinner," says Simms. But if anything, parents and teachers too often assume the two have shared information. Many people think that if they mentioned something to Simms, Robinson must know about it, and vice versa, they say.

While they do spend time talking about work, and make a point to share information about students when it is necessary, it happens less often than people think, they say.

Once in a while, she would need to warn him of two students who may be better off separated, Simms says, but the majority of their "red flag discussions" are positive.

Simms says if she had a student at West Middle School who was particularly talented in drama, she might mention to Robinson to make sure the student is aware of what is offered at the High School. She also makes a point to mention which parents have been helpful at school so Robinson knows where to turn when the student comes to AHS.

But when students assume that what they say or do would follow them from West Middle to the High School, it sometimes gives Simms a small advantage, she says.

"I get a little more respect now that they know things could come back to haunt them," Simms says.

Despite living in town for three years, and working together in town for one, their personal lives are intact, they say.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Andover High School Principal Larry Robinson and West Middle School Principal Vickie Simms celebrated their third wedding anniversary last week. Working together in Andover has been nothing but good, they say.

The couple frequently take bike rides around their neighborhood undisturbed, and are rarely approached at home with school related issues. But when help was needed it was there, they say.

Simms and Robinson weathered a difficult year, as Robinson was diagnosed with liver cancer during his first year as principal at AHS.

They chose to handle his illness publicly, and kept the public aware of his condition before he returned to work part time. In response, students sent cards, home-cooked meals, and raked his lawn.

Simms, who grew up in a small town in Indiana, says she is accus-

tomed to a small town atmosphere where everyone knows each other. Robinson, a native of Brookline, hasn't strayed far from home.

A learning experience

Not everyone would look for romance at a Franklin Planner training session for school administrators, but when the question was asked of the group, "If you had one day to spend any way you wanted how would you do it?" Robinson answered first.

"I said I'd go to the beach," says Robinson, who sits in his AHS office among photographs and paintings of oceans, coastlines and palm trees.

At first Simms was a little upset, but then realized how much she had in common with Robinson. "I thought, 'He stole my line,'" she says.

Robinson and Simms met in Lexington public schools where Simms was assistant principal at a middle school and Robinson was assistant principal at the High School.

"It started as friendship, and friendship led to romance," Robinson says.

Then one day Robinson called Simms with a different message: "This is business, not personal," he says.

Robinson had to discipline a student who happened to be Simms' son from a previous marriage. The disciplinary action was deserved, and no hard feelings cropped up, she says. Her son, Jonathan, 23, now works in the stock market in Boston.

Works well with others

After they began spending time together, Robinson left to become principal at Littleton High School and Simms left to become principal at West Middle School in Andover.

Marrying a fellow principal has nothing but advantages for them, they say, since they both understand the demands of the job, but they also agree that they each take a different approach.

"Over the years, we've learned a lot from each other, about dealing with kids, and with teachers," Robinson says.

Simms agrees.

She shares her expertise in special education programs while Robinson has learned a lot about students and their lives outside school by working for many years at summer camps, they say.

Simms says they complement each other. When one person is stressed, the other can usually maintain composure and hold things together, they say.

"We're good at supporting each other. (Being a principal) can be an isolating position, and we're not always philosophically in sync, and we often play devil's advocate," Simms says.

She describes her philosophy as "abstract," and Robinson's as more "concrete," and Robinson agreed. Both say they've learned much from the other since they've spent their careers together.

Robinson describes Simms as "more intense," while Simms says it is not unusual for Robinson to burst her bubble when she thought she had worked through an idea.

While their philosophies may differ, they agree on how to spend their vacations, often visiting family in Florida—on the beach, of course.

Public invited to discuss school building ideas

Members of the School Committee and the School Building Committee hope to hear from residents about what their concerns are in the building of two new schools in West Andover.

School leaders and architects plan to meet Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at West Elementary School and again Thursday, Aug. 12 at South Elementary School to hear comments from the public about the proposed project.

The town plans to build a middle school and an elementary school at Cross Street and High Plain Roads.

More Andover third-graders read at advanced level

Results of the annual Iowa Reading Test shows the number Andover third-graders reading at "advanced" level is up 15 percent from last year from 37 percent to 52 percent.

Reading comprehension performance results of the Iowa Reading Test, given to third-graders across the state show Andover is up in total

percentile rank, from 78 in 1998, to 83 in 1999.

More than 75,000 third-grade students were tested statewide in April on reading comprehension, vocabulary, and spelling in the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, given in Massachusetts for the third and final year, according to the Department of Education (DOE).

The test will be

replaced by the MCAS reading test next year, according to the DOE.

Statewide, 31 percent of third-graders scored in the "advanced" level, 10 points over last year's rate of 21 percent.

Nationally, 19 percent of students read at the advanced level, according to the DOE.

Proficient reader status was earned by 39 percent

of Andover students this year, down 14 percent from last year.

Eight percent of Andover students scored as "basic" readers, down one percent from last year's nine percent.

Andover was also listed as one of 241 schools in the state having zero students testing at the "pre-reader" level.

Statewide, 40 percent of students read in the "proficient" level while 20 percent read at "basic" level.

State Representative Barry Finegold (D-Andover) says the results are an indication that the town's emphasis on education pays off.

"I think the scores have shown that Andover is in the same category as Lexington, Sudbury, and other top schools in the state," he says.

"It's really a benchmark for your whole school system. It's going in the right direction," he says.

DOE Commissioner David P. Driscoll says most elementary schools saw improvement in their test scores, and more students are reading at the top level, but more than 25 percent of students repeatedly test at the lowest two levels, he says.

"That's nearly 20,000 children soon to enter fourth grade who are at risk of falling seriously behind this early in their schooling," he says.

Results are available on the DOE web site at www.doe.mass.edu.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

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Doherty students named to fourth-term honor roll

The following students were named to the Doherty Middle School honor roll for the fourth term.

Grade 6

High honors: Joseph R. Abisso, Peter A. Accomando, Caroline E. Adams, Courtney Aleksa, Marc Asch, Caitlin Ashley-Rollman, Kaitlin Atkins, Benjamin D. Baldwin, Nina Beinart, Jessica Bragel, Kara Bularzik, Brian T. Burns, Thomas J. Cahill III, Joshua M. Caplan, Caitlin P. Carpenter, Ann Marie Cashman, Michael J. Cerchione, Caroline Clafin, Mary Cate Connors, Annie E. Corbett, Lisa C. D'Ambrosio, Whitney E. Domigan, Sarah C. Donelan, Meaghan E. Downes-Berry, Alfred Eng, John T. Formichella, Elizabeth A. Fortier, Joseph Geary, Jamie W. Goddard, Zara B. Golden, Melissa Goldman, JeanMarie Gossard, Ryan J. Greeley, Eric Hanson, Diana Harlow, Briga D. Heelan, Christopher B. Herlich, Jacqueline Herling, Jonathan E. Hillman, Matthew R. Hogan,

Adam Holt, Christopher James, Amanda Kaminski, Meghan Keefe, Mary E. Keohane, James Kim, Margaret A. Lamond, Victor F. Lanio, Samantha Lederfine-Paskal, Brianna N. Levy, Tabitha M. Liversidge, Maya A. Lucaci-Vashee, Nicole A. Magnuson, Aileen G. Malloy, Mark R. Margiotta III, Patrick McCarron, Jonathan Meltz, Adrienne Mendoza, Elizabeth M. Minton, Sarah J. Morgan, Michael F. Muccio, David J. Musto, Tracy L. O'Malley, Michael O'Reilly, Nicole R. Ortiz, Kayla Parker, Lino Patti, Meredith A. Peck, Leslie K. Peck, David P. Pilla, Michelle Pirro, Jacquelyn Powers, James T. Primes, Lucy A. Properzio, Garrett R. Rayner, Lauren E. Reed, Conor D. Rice, Grant Robinson, Peter W.D. Rotundo, Joseph S. Rusckowski, Gregory Salvesen, Melissa Samler, Rebecca R. Sanfield, Amanda Saunders, James F. Scully, Jr., Alexander Seletsky, Oleg Seletsky, William A. Shaheen, Patrick Shannon, Christa M.

Sharis, Samuel I. Silverman, Rakesh Singh, Christina Spang, Gregory W. Spurr IV, Michael A. Strock, Colin C. Sullivan, Cara A. Sullo, Lulu R. Tao, John Thorlin, Kendall C. Toland, Marc A. Turiano, Sean Wadland, Evelyn Wang, Mengzhu Wang, Peter Wang, Skylar J. Washburn, Rachel Weisblatt, Ann A. Wilkin, Emma E. Wollman, Jonathan Yost, Michael E. Zakin.

Honors: Lisa Bernstein, Peter Burke-Wallace, Stephanie M. Carabine, Bryanna T. Casey, Christopher Childs, Andrew Ciampa, Afton Cuomo, Laura F. Dunn, Melissa J. Foley, Brett E. Godefroi, Margaret A. Hanlon, Daniel Harrison, Brayden Hass, Patrick M. Hughes, Matthew Jacobs, James C. Keith, Jonathan J. Kerry, Kazutaka Kimura, Emily A. Korba, Kevin M. Kropiwnicki, Gregory Lam, Danielle Lemire, Ariel R. Lilly, Rory C. Luoma, Edward MacDonald III, Kristen MacInnis, Ana Maier, Matthew G. Malloy, Jamie Maltz, Chelsea McCabe,

Matthew McDermitt, Ashley McLaughlan, Thomas McNamara, Katie S. Nadworny, Jason Newman, Aja Nicholson, David Y. Ong, Reena Patel, Christopher T. Picard, Jamie B. Prudden, Matthew Quinlan, Laurel K. Ridge, Callie Riera, Adam B. Spang, Geoffrey Stevens, Anastasia Sullivan, Kristin Villanueva, Keith Wetterskog, Kyle Williams.

Grade 7

High honors: Kyra Auffermann, Aaron Bardo, Sara Barmettler, Brian G. Buckley, Amy Caron, Wendy W. Chen, Matthew Cohen, Alex Dezieck, Lauren C. Doxsey, Timothy Dugan, Vincent Errico, Abhinay Eswarappa, Leon Fay, Andrew Fraser, Emily Guerin, Jaclyn M. Harrold, Edward T. Henningsen, Matthew S. Hill, Adrienne C. Hinds, Benjamin Hoerner, Gordon D. Hoople, R. Michael Kichorowsky, Jeanne M. Lothrop, John F. McCarthy, Christa M. Milley, Marsha Mogilevich, Phuongnhu Nguyen, Mary E. Nolan,

William A. Pecoroni III, Mark J. Radlinski, Sriram Ramgopal, Steven Ristuccia, Leah T. Russell, C. Jefferson Sawyer III, Laura Schoenherr, Amanda L. Senatore, Adrienne Shea, Scott A. Silverstein, Pooja Sri-pad, Jacob Sweeney-Samuelson, Paul Tassinari, Katharine Ting, Lea M. Ventura, Alexander Vispoli, Amanda Wang, Arianna Warsaw-Fan, Margaret A. Williams.

Honors: Allison P. Abreu, Lydia Aloviseti, Nicholas Barash, Keriann M. Bartley, Stephen J. Beck, Kristen Beechinor, Ian R. Bergeson, Andrew Berman, Sarah Bouchard, Mark S. Brickman, Joshua D. Burke, Anthony Camilo, Jeanne Cheng, Ryan A. Chua, Carolyn R. Cody, Michael P. Conroy, Laura B. Craig-Comin, Ryan L. D'Angelo, Lindsay A. Dodge, Lindsay Downes, Elizabeth A. Dunlavey, Mathew Fabiani, Emily R. Farmer, Dwight B. Feeney, Jennifer Harrison-Persinos, Colleen Haugh, Michelle Huntley, Andrew

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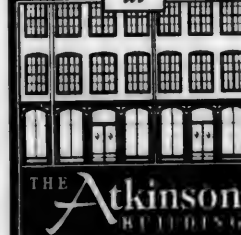
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Students in the Doherty Middle School class of 1999 who received certificates at the Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony held Wednesday, June 23 are:

Alexis Adams, Kellen R. Affleck, David Aleksa, Daniel Andrews, Lauren Andrews, Alik M. Apelian, Heather Ashton, Maya Bachman, Matthew L. Bagnall, Justin E. Barry, Sean L. Bartley, Jeffrey Begley, Sherry A. Bell, Carolyn Berberian, Sheri Bernstein, Benjamin J. Bibler, Jeffrey R. Black, Emily Bobek, Mark Boilard, Daniel Booth, Edward M. Borland, Meghan K. Bradley, Victoria E. Britton, Elyse Brouillard, Connie M. Brown, Shawn Burns, Alexander J. Byrne, Sean Calderhead, Aislinn R. Callahan, Brian T. Callahan III, Colin Callahan-Higgins, Richard A. Capano, Melissa Carpentier, Brendan Carr, Brett J. Carroll,

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LeCam, Christopher Lee, Jessica D. Leider, Andrew Leitermann, Bennet H. Leon, Bowen Li, David A. Lier, Micah L. Lim, Elaine Lin, John E. Linne-mann, Colin Liotta, Caitlin Littlefield, Sarah A. Longo, Jesse S. Lundquist, Troy B. Lundstrom, Casey Luoma, Kimberly M. MacElhaney, Elizabeth M. Magner, Daniel E. Maltzman, Guy G. Mancini, Lindsay A. Mann, Michelle E. Manning, Shawn P. Marlow, Benigno A. Marquez, Daniel A. Mason, Erin K. McArdle, Kendal M. McArthur, Elinor McCandless, Elizabeth McCarthy, Casey McDade, Jessica J. Merrill, Kathleen Minahan, John H. Minton, Kyle R. Murphy, Lorna Murphy, C. Victoria Murray, Torey Nicholson, Daniel S. Oliveira, Semo J.R. Ongondo, Lindsay C. Ordman, Kathryn Orlando, Monica E. Ortiz, Alison Z. Page, Amy Palmieri, Jonathan R. Papas, Sean Patti, Audrey E. Peck, Audra L. Peek, Sarah Percival, Michael B. Pescatore,

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Ivanovich, Robert E. Jennings III, Kierstyn E. Kalman, Whitney E. Kelly, Stephanie Krey, Michelle Lightbown, Ashley Malins, Alexander U. Marsh, Jennifer Mason, Neil McCarthy, Rachel McGregor, Robert McLaughlan, Paul McLaughlin, Amy E. Miara, Robert J. O'Neill, Elizabeth Pallotta, Melissa M. Parry, Margaret Putnam, Abigail L. Reilly, Sindhodweep N. Sarkar, Nathan S. Scott, Daniel V. Serna, Bradford Sherman, Geoffrey B.G. Shulik, Anjali Singh, Adam J. Soll, Stephanie Sweeney, David Sza-

farz, Elizabeth T. Taggart, David Tanklefsky, C. Alexander Thorn, Laura C. Totten, Devin Trainor, Jonathan Volinski, Erica J. Weeks.

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Pescatore, Andrew Pfeil, Anjali Poddar, Jeffrey L. Rabinovitz, Samir Rai, Michael R. Ruderman, Lauren Saia, Valerie A. Saryan, Janis M. Scanlon, Alison Shannon, Allyson R. Silberstein, Ross B. Skaliotis, Benjamin Sprattler, Priya Sridhar, Alexandra T. Stoetzel, Jesse Szafarz, Brooke Torre, Kim N. Tran, Lisa M. Vallera, Elizabeth F.J. Vazquez, Danni G. Ventre, Meredith L. Voiland, Patrick A. Wadland, William B. Walter, Paul Wang, Phillip Wang, Taylor B. Washburn, Jeffrey Wessler, Scott Wilbur, Lauren K. Woo, Michael W. Zammuto.

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Andover students named to the honors list for the spring semester at Brooks School

Brooks School in North Andover announced that 14 Andover students were among those named to the honors list at Brooks for the spring semester.

To achieve honor roll distinction, students must maintain a minimum of a 92 percent average for highest honors; 87 percent for high honors; and 82 percent for honors. Students who attain the honor roll are eligible for an academic day off in recognition of their outstanding achievement.

The Andover students are:

High honors

Daniel Berman '02, son of Mark and Debra Berman.

Allison Caffrey '02, daughter of Andrew and Elise Caffrey.

Alexandra Costello '02, daughter of Alexander and Antoinette Costello. Alexandra participates in field hockey, basketball and softball.

Brittany Lonero '02, daughter of Turi and Carmen Lonero. Brittany participates in soccer, ice hockey and lacrosse.

Diana Saryan '00, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Saryan. Diana participates in field hockey, tennis, and community service.

Honors

Douglas Armstrong '01, son of Chris and Eleanor Armstrong. Douglas participates in soccer, basketball, crew, Brooks Brothers and Sisters, and he is a campus tour guide.

Jillian Booty '99, daughter of Geoff and Helen Booty. Jillian participated in sailing club, swimming club, tennis. She was a campus tour guide.

Katharine Childs '00, daughter of Thomas and Julie Childs. Katharine participates in field hockey, ski club, the green team, and she is a campus tour guide.

Christine George '01, daughter of Matthew and Susan George. Christine participates in field hockey, crew, and stage crew.

Daniel Gibson '99, son of Daniel and Lynn Gibson. Daniel participated in basketball, spring club, community service, and was a campus

tour guide. He was a member of the Ashburn Society and the Cum Laude Society. Daniel was involved with the outdoor program, the Brooks radio station, Amnesty International, the Young Republicans and the debate club.

Andrea Savage '02, daughter of Paul and Paulina Savage. Andrea participates in squash, winter club, spring club, and ornithology.

Shilpa Srinivasan '00, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Melukore Srinivasan.

William Waters '02, son of John and Elizabeth Waters. William participates in soccer, ice hockey, and baseball.

Adrienne Weisner '00, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Weisner. Adrienne participates in basketball, tennis, glee club, Model U.N. and the yearbook. She is a member of the Ashburn Society, Chapel choir and she is a campus tour guide.

Allison Wilner '01, daughter of Susan Wilner. Allison participates in field hockey, basketball, and crew.

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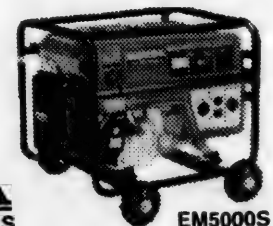
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Tech School having a busy summer

Two big projects are taking place this summer on the campus at the Greater Lawrence technical school, according to Superintendent-Director Frank Vacirca.

Camp 57 "Career Awareness Maximizes Potential at 57 River Road," for sixth- and seventh-graders, is in its third year. For more information, call Ralph Carero at 686-0194, Ext. 168.

"We are also offering an MCAS remediation camp called RESULTS for incoming sophomores," he said.

One of the school's goals for 1998-99 was to bring the "classroom" to the four communities, Vacirca said. "We performed over 50 community service projects. By doing so, we not only helped our communities but our students could see the positive impact their labors had on the region that the school serves."

The following is a partial list of the community service projects completed during school year 1998-99.

In Andover, Autobody repaired/refinished two police cars for town service, and an S-10 pickup truck for DPW;

- The school participated in the Taste of Andover;

- Fashion designs department made protective bags for firemen face masks.

In Lawrence, Autobody restored two WWII cannons; Construction and painting department painted the interior of the Salvation Army building; Building trades designed and built a house on West Platt Street.

In Methuen, Autobody repaired former Essex County Sheriff's van for use with Methuen Police Department; Construction and painting department painted the interior of the elderly housing buildings on Swan Street; the fashion designs department participated in the Festival of Trees.

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Feature

Bicycling across Iowa with the Andover contingent

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dents have done the ride. But this year, the group included just Pennington, Ken Shapiro, George Skaliotis and Selectman Lori Becker.

Townsmen editor Taylor Armerding went along for part of the ride. His report on just getting out there, and then the first three days of the ride follows.

Getting there

The first indication that something might be wrong came with about 30 minutes to flight time, and almost nobody clustered around American Airlines Gate 19.

"Can you tell me if the flight to Chicago is due to leave on time?" I asked the gate attendant.

She tapped a few keys on her computer.

"Oh, that flight's been canceled," she smiled brightly.

And, as the evening wore on, so was every other flight to Chicago.

Thunderstorms, they said. "It's like this in Chicago almost every day in the summer," another exasperated agent said, as she tried to re-book an interminable line of travelers.

For the small Andover contingent hoping to reach Des Moines, Iowa on Friday night in time to catch a bus to the start of one of the most famous bicycle rides in the nation - the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) - it meant hours standing in line, an extra night on the East Coast, and a trip to Sioux Falls, S.D., the next morning, instead of Des Moines.

Sioux Falls is actually much closer to the starting point of the 1999 RAGBRAI, which launched Sunday morning from Rock Rapids, Iowa.

And on the 35-mile shuttle ride from the airport to Rock Rapids, the veterans quickly indoctrinated the "virgins."

"Showers? Oh yeah, they have showers," said Dave from Portsmouth, N.H., back for his sixth year. "Just don't expect hot showers. Try to imagine 10,000 people all redlining the hot water heaters. But don't worry. You won't want hot showers."

John, from Ft. Myers, Fla.,

wants to talk about food. About the old guy who sits next to the road and bellows "Pooooorrrrk Chhhoo-ooppps!" at the passing riders.

"You gotta have some of them," he says. "You just can't believe how good they are. How thick they are."

About the pancake makers in the different towns that host the overnight camping for the ride. "They have 100 of those things going at a time," he says. "And then they flip them out at you, sometimes about 30 feet, and you're supposed to catch them on the plate."

John also talks about teams. RAGBRAI teams aren't teams in the traditional sense. They're not raising money. They're not racing with one another.

They're basically just a group of people who have pooled their money so they can hire a truck to take their luggage to the next town.

"But you'll see everything you can imagine," he says. "There's Team Road Kill. Every time they come across anything dead in the road, a bird, a rabbit, an armadillo - whatever - they put a sticker on it. Like 'The Road Kill seal of approval.'"

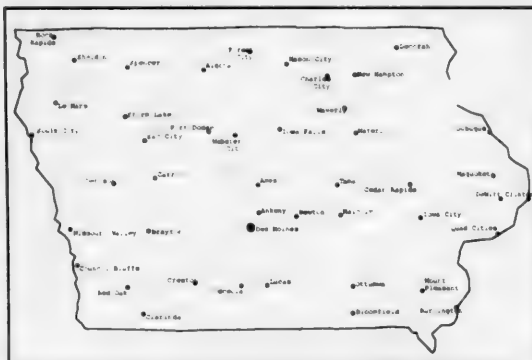
The Andover crew mostly belongs to Bill Pennington's Team McDucks, named not for the waterfowl necessarily, but more because its members come from states that start with M, C or D.

Pennington is late, however, because his father has been taken ill. So the rest of the team finally straggles in to the Des Moines Cycle Club (DMCC) campground and sets about reassembling bicycles that have been reduced to spare parts, and trying to pitch tents without drowning in sweat.

It is hot. Hot enough for heatstroke. Hot enough to make riding a bike seem like a completely insane idea, not to mention about 70 miles a day.

But here they are - 8,000 official riders and anywhere from 2,000 to 4,000 "bandits."

The dinner lines are immense - about an hour for a substantial plate of lasagna,



The outline of the state of Iowa (top graphic) can be seen in the shape of the RAGBRAI logo (above).

..... salad, fruit salad and a drink. Most of the conversation is about RAGBRAI facts.

"Oh, this thing is big," says one man to a dinner companion. "One of the banks from one of the host communities last year said that the night RAGBRAI came through, they had \$100,000 taken out of their ATMs."



Your correspondent.

Day 1: Rock Rapids to Spencer

Some of the veterans are up and on the road by 4:30 a.m. There are good reasons for that. Get out ahead of the massive crush, and you won't wait a half hour or longer for a plate of pancakes at the first stop. There won't be lines at the portable bathrooms (called a *ky-bo* out here).

There won't be lines at the showers when you finish the ride. And you'll get the heavy work done during the early part of the day, before the heat gets really brutal.

But then, if you leave that early, you'll ride in the dark for about an hour and a half. The ride, which starts at the western border of the state, is also at the western edge of the time zone, so it doesn't really get light until 6. And if you're ahead of everything, you tend to miss much of the RAGBRAI experience.

We have been warned that we will see every kind of bicycle you can imagine, and every kind of outfit you can imagine.

Maybe it's not quite that extreme, but there is indeed a feast for the senses on the road out of Rock Rapids at about 6:45 a.m. There is a river of bicycles as far as one can see in either direction.

There are riders with boom boxes rolling behind them on little mini-trailers, blasting loud enough to be heard for a quarter mile in either direction. There are dogs and small children being towed in other mini-trailers.

There are costumes and slogans. There is a team of riders who wear rolls of toilet paper on top of their helmets. There is another group with sharks on top. There is a team of cross-dressers, who call themselves DRAGBRAI. There is a T-shirt that spells out IOWA as follows: Idiots Out Widing Aaround. There are the T.R.O.L.L.s: Temperamental Riders On Lifeless Legs.

And there are plenty that are not quite fit for a family newspaper.

Then there is the reception thrown by the towns along the

route - most of them with 1,000 or fewer residents - as the riders come into town.

Today, since it's Sunday, the town of George not only has multiple breakfast opportunities, it has also been transformed into something of an outdoor church. There is a gospel quartet at the side of the road, singing to a sound track. They're very good, too.

The deals are great - all the pancakes and sausage you can eat for five bucks - but the numbers are so huge that for the towns, it is one of the biggest revenue producers of the year.

Just outside of George is a small Presbyterian church, with a service for riders every 15 minutes. We sing a couple of praise songs, there is a passage from the Bible, a solo from a teen-ager, and then the minister presents a brief sermon.

Life is like a bike ride, he says. In other words, it has its ups and downs. And the best way to get through it is with the Lord by your side. Some of us remark that we just wish the Lord would turn down the heat.

Later in the day, with temperatures hovering around 100 degrees, the music in the towns switches to rock and roll, the beverage of necessity is Gatorade, and one of the most pleasant activities is getting in the way of the hose, run by the local fire department in one of the other towns on the route.

The first day's ride is with Selectman Lori Becker, also a first-time RAGBRAI rider, who says one of the reasons she decided to do it was for the challenge. But another is that she sometimes tires of being in the public eye, and this was a way to get away from it.

"For a week, I just want to be a girl on a bike," she says.

And that's not too difficult to do here, in a rolling sea of humanity, all wearing helmets, tank-tops and spandex.

At the end of the day, we arrive at Spencer, where the entire RAGBRAI contingent of somewhere between 8,000 and 10,000 people is hosted on the county fairgrounds.

Tonight, the main supper place features our first taste of Iowa corn. It is so sweet, most

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SEED summer camp helps hope to take root

By Neil Fater

Andrew Christopher is crouching in the dirt, saying he's been having a lot of fun at camp. So what's he been doing?

"Digging trenches, mostly," he says. "It gives you a satisfying feeling."

Despite what you might be thinking, Andrew isn't on work furlough from a state prison. Nor has he been working in the sun too long. He's just a middle school kid who enjoys community service.

And Andrew, of Lovejoy Road, isn't alone.

He and a growing number of Andover kids are part of SEED, a summer camp dedicated to letting youth plant the seeds of hope and happiness in other people's lives.

SEED, an abbreviation of Service Experience of Education and Dialog, is a day camp for middle-school-age kids that's staffed by high-school and college-age youth.

"It's an incredible summer job opportunity. The pay's not great, but what you get out of it

is so much more," says staff member Susie Moffitt, who will be a Andover High senior next year. "I'm working with every single one of my friends. It's a big party."

Monday, the "party" included turning an abandoned lot off Essex Street in Lawrence into a neighborhood park. Volunteers and neighborhood children were busy jointly building a gazebo, laying a boardwalk path, hauling away trash, and mending fences.

"It's too bad you weren't here this morning because there was trash up to (my waist) right here," says staff member Jason Beale, displaying what now looks suspiciously like a newborn garden plot.

The park SEED has been creating during the past two

years is next to a nursing home and in a neighborhood with lots of small children.

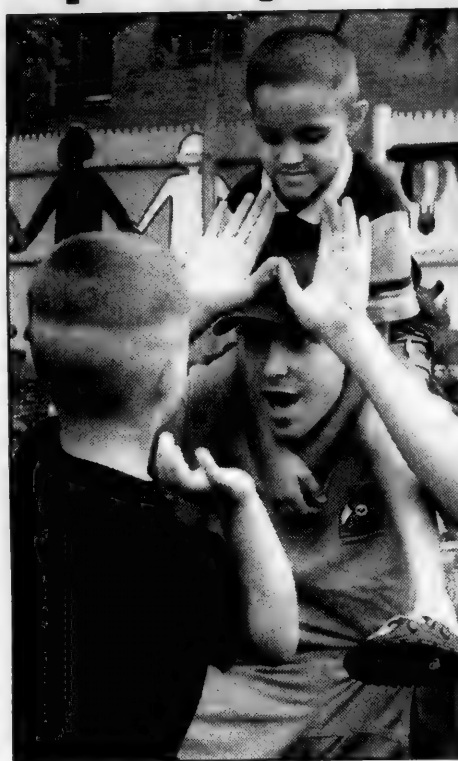
"This used to be an abandoned lot. It was one of those



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

▲ Above, the young workers take a break on their shovels as they assess the straight line of their trench.

◀ At left, Eduardo Gonzalez, 6, gives a high-five to counselor Nathan Gendron, 17, while 3-year-old Christian Ortiz holds on.



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SEED flourishing ...

seen from SEED, since some park neighbors are lending a hand.

Monday, Daniel Robles, and his sister, Ashley Jimenez, were helping the SEED kids by digging trenches. Lawrence Wayne Ortiz says the previous year his nephews Evan, 8, Eddie, 5, and even 2-year-old Christian started pulling weeds, when SEED first began laying down roots in the area.

Ortiz says he's impressed with the amount of change he's seen during the two summers.

"This was a big field with lots of weeds. It was all broken bottles. People threw everything in it. It was really, really bad," says Ortiz. "If you had seen it, it was a wreck. People would climb up and just throw things in here."

Ortiz looks around at youth hammering together a fence and cutting wood for a gazebo and shakes his head.

"All of a sudden, they did this," he says.

Beginnings

SEED started as a program for children of Lucent employees, but has quickly expanded, says Abby Benedetto, the director of the summer program. The program was started by Mike Ebner, the protestant chaplain at Phillips Academy who is also a preacher at South Church.

The kids in the program come from all over - from Andover to Atkinson, N.H. - and offer all sorts of reasons for joining the camp.

"There's actually a huge sort of spectrum," says Benedetto. "Some are the typical Andover kids who are here between soccer camp this week and writing camp next week."

Some are Girl or Boy Scouts who need the community service hours for their badges, while others, like Greg Hartwell, were talked into the SEED-y affair by their friends.

"I was a bit hesitant. I wasn't sure if doing hard work, community service, would be fun," says Hartwell, who will be a High School freshman next year. "But I tried it out and it's been great. We do fun things and help out people. Overall, SEED's good."

"Last year, when they started, my mom told me to go. I liked it because you meet new friends and help people, so I kept going back," says Heather Guillelte, a middle school student from Kingston, N.H.

Kids can sign up for a week at a time, says Benedetto and some have returned each week this summer.

The volunteers do a different activity each day. Sometimes they work on the park in Lawrence, other times they visit a nursing home or adult day care center and still other days they help out at a soup kitchen.

"I've gone to nursing homes and taken people for wheel chair rides," says Andrew Christopher, the part-time ditch digger.

"Sometimes we go to nursing homes and just visit. Every month they have a birthday party for all the people with birthdays that month," says Amy Eicher of North Reading.

Amy has a bag of garbage in her hand that she is set to haul away.

As she talks, she is standing close to a fence that's full of various murals painted by the volunteers. The murals shine with bright colors and equally cheery messages.

"That's the idea, to make it bright and cheery," says staff member Luke Larsen. "(Improving the park) is a continuing process. Every week we chip off a little more."

Benedetto says people interested in learning more about the camp can call the SEED office at 475-1879, or stop by the ABC House at 134 Main St. during the day.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, July 21 - At 9:59 a.m., Morris W. Gleason, 45, of 8 Tenny St., Lawrence, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with driving after his license had been revoked for driving drunk.

At 10:51 a.m., Daniel Caraballo, 40, of 103 Center St., Methuen, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with driving after his license had been revoked for driving drunk.

At 12:43 p.m., Rohit A. Singh, 20, of 4212 Avalon Dr., Wilmington, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute and with being a disorderly person after an Andover mother returned home to find him inside her home with her 15-year-old daughter.

Thursday, July 22 - At 11:51 a.m., Keith L. Payne, 42, of 48 Lawrence St., Lowell, was

arrested on Lowell Street and charged on a warrant for assault and battery and threatening to commit a crime.

At 3:23 p.m., Raul Corporan, 42, of 124 Franklin St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged on a warrant for driving without a license and inspection sticker.

At 7:22 p.m., Wayne C. Birch, 38, of 194 Oakland Ave. Ext., Methuen, was arrested on North Street and charged with driving under the influence of liquor, speeding, driving without a license in his possession, and a seat belt violation.

Friday, July 23 - At 9:55 a.m., Oliverio Perez, 33, of 364 Andover St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving without a license and on a warrant for assault and battery.

At 3:30 p.m., Pedro M. Ramirez, 36, of 3

Ashton Place, Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged on a warrant for assault and battery on a family member.

At 10:40 p.m., after a report of possible underage drinking, Laura A. Fish, 18, of 3 Wabanaki Way, Andover, was arrested at home and charged with keeping a disorderly house and being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol.

Saturday, July 24 - At 2:42 a.m., Ryan S. Patrick, 21, of 831 Main St., Wilmington, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving under the influence of liquor.

At 3:51 a.m., Damian B. Dolan, 19, of 9 Wildwood Road, Andover, was arrested near CVS and charged on warrants for trespassing, and for driving under the influence and driving negligently.

At 11:39 a.m., Cesar L. Ramirez, 30, of 45

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RAGBRAI

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of us can eat a half-dozen ears without feeling full.

But then, maybe it has something to do with what we've been doing all day as well.

There is more rock and roll and a spectacular fireworks show as well.

But most of those over 30 are in their tents before 11. There is a brief thundershower around midnight, but it doesn't break the heat.

Day 2:

Spencer to Algona

Today's ride is with George Skaliotis, who likes to get up and on the road by 6, since "I get most of my productive riding done before 10."

And it is a somewhat different experience to be a bit closer to the leading edge of the ride. The people here are much more competitive, and almost military in their use of commands.

All day long we hear "On your left!" (I'm passing you on your left); "Car up!" (There is a car coming from ahead - a rare event, and one that is passed on down the line with great precision); "Rider up!" (a rider, for some unknown reason, is riding against the flow of our traffic; and "Slowing!" (A large group of wimps ahead

is taking up the whole road, and we can't pass them as soon as we want.).

And there are fewer of the exhibitionists out early. It probably takes them more time to get ready to go.

But in the cool of the morning, there is time to talk. Skaliotis works for the federal Department of Transportation in Kendall Square, Cambridge. And one of the ways he's gotten ready for the ride is to commute to work on his bicycle - about 23 miles each way. He has "empirically figured out" that he can ride in temperatures as low as 38 degrees, but no lower.

That usually means he rides from sometime in March until sometime in November. That temperature limit is clearly not an issue here.

Does he have an upper limit? He shrugs and smiles.

By the second day, the routine is starting to settle in a bit as well. We know how often to get Gatorade, how often to eat bananas, and how hard we can push without straining knees or other joints.

There is also something about the Iowa countryside that is starting to become familiar to both of us. Coming into Algona, our stop for the second night, we are struck by the fact that the crops on either side are corn or soybeans. And those were the crops in the fields leading out of Spencer. In fact those are the crops between every town on the trip. Sometimes it's hard to tell, at the end of the day, if you've gone anywhere.

Then there is the way you can tell you're coming into a town. Off in the distance, there is a water tower and a grain elevator.

It is also becoming clear that while there are plenty of young people on sleek bikes with bodies like greyhounds, and quite a few sixtiesome-things and beyond, that the



Musical accompaniment.

vast majority of RAGBRAI participants are 'boomers'.

That's the music coming from most of the boom boxes - Jackson Browne singing "now the seats are all empty, let the roadies take the stage."

The Beatles singing, "I don't know why you say goodbye, I say hello..."

Out here, you can be in any decade you want.

Algona is primed for the riders, but at this point in the ride, most people are primed for little else but dinner and their sleeping bags.

Day 3:

Algona to Clear Lake

Today's ride, from Algona to Clear Lake, is the shortest of the week, at 68 miles. It is also, by far, the most pleasant weather. Sunday it was in the 80s at 6 a.m., and topped 100 degrees. Monday it started in the mid-70s and topped out in the mid-90s. Today, it is 67 degrees at the start, and doesn't even top 80 until late morning.

But this is also the day of the headwind. And it is also

the day to ride with Andover's RAGBRAI guru, Bill Pennington.

Pennington is filled with seven years of RAGBRAI stories. He is also a repository of ride information. He has seen most of the teams. He is forever calling out the names of riders he knows. And he knows what to look for. "Watch for the old guy on the old Schwinn," he says. "He does it every year." Sure enough, we eventually pass an old guy on a Schwinn.

He is also easily the strongest rider of the group. With a stiff headwind for the last half of the ride, he teaches the joys of drafting.

By yourself, maybe you can do 17 or 18 miles per hour on a flat stretch.

But get behind a line of riders, and you can kick that up to 19 or 20.

Of course, most of the time, Pennington is in the lead, so he has nobody to draft for him.

But during a 10-mile stretch between towns, both of us are startled as a tiny young woman from Team Air Force scoots by us and asks Pennington, in a young girl's voice, "Want to take a break for a couple of miles?"

"Sure," he says.

And she pushes the speed to about 22 mph. Your correspondent is seriously sucking wind by the time the next little town shows up, about 5 miles later. But those miles do pass remarkably quickly. And a food stand is a wonderful excuse to stop. Our leader, and her husband, are not about to stop. And we have a feeling they were taking it easy on us.

"That's not even all that fast," Pennington says. "These teams from France, with really competitive riders, do about 30, and they're chatting with one another the whole time."

Pennington isn't bad at chatting either. He hooks up for a few minutes with a

woman from Louisiana, wearing multiple strings of beads. By the time we stop for breakfast, he's convinced her to give him several of them for Team McDuck members.

In every town, he makes it a point to "talk to the locals."

At one stop, for Gatorade, we meet a nice young couple with their three young children. They used to raise hogs, but now they both work at a local Kraft food plant - four days on and four off. They alternate shifts so one of them is home with the kids all the time, "and then we have four days to spend together," he says.

While the young husband says it's no longer worth it to raise hogs, there are apparently plenty who still do. The odor of a hog farm hits riders about a half mile ahead of time. In fact, we're developing a slogan: "I love the smell of manure in the morning. Smells like ...Iowa."

There are other things about the third day of the ride. The worst of the soreness is over, and the bodies are starting to adjust to the daily miles. The landscape is vastly different from New England, but has a beauty all its own. Iowa has no mountains, but it is not flat. The land comes at you in waves, almost like the ocean, except much further apart.

And one of the most breathtaking scenes is coming to a corner where the ride turns, and seeing bikes stretched, as far as the eye can see, to the horizon.

Riders are adjusting to camping as well. Life gets down to the basics.

Where are the bathrooms? Where are the showers? And where is the food?

Such simplicity, combined with a cool night and a full moon, leads to a very sound sleep.

Continued next week...



George Skaliotis is ready to push off for some serious mileage. Skaliotis prepared for the rigors of the adventure by commuting to work on his bicycle for months.



Amber waves — The endless, undulating road in Iowa goes on forever. Well, it sure seems that way...

Photos by Taylor Armerding

POLICE LOG

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Springfield St., Lawrence, was arrested on South Main Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 12:39 p.m., Glenn E. Krick Jr., 27, of 106 Arlington St., Lawrence was arrested on North Main Street and charged with a second or subsequent charge of driving with a revoked license and with a one-way violation on a state highway.

At 4:17 p.m., Esther Bornstein, 40, of 105 Second St., North Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a warrant for larceny.

Sunday, July 25 - At 10:31 a.m., Juan Perez, 25, of 74 Tremont St., Lawrence, was arrested at Memorial Circle and charged with resisting arrest, and on a warrant for assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 11:12 a.m., Lynne Townsend, 34, of 30 Railroad St., Andover, was arrested at the station and charged on a warrant for destruction of property.

At 11:34 a.m., Richard A. DeFrancesco, 40, of 437 North Main Street, Andover, was arrested on North Main and charged on a warrant for breaking and entering during the night and destruction of property.

At 2:50 p.m., Jose M. Valentin, 17, of 36 Storrow Dr., Lawrence, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with driving without a license, without an inspection sticker and with defective equipment, after the cleaning crew at Doctor's Park II reported a car "doing donuts" in the parking lot.

Monday, July 26 - At 7:31 a.m., Louis S. Delmore, 24, of 1508

Gorham St., Lowell, was arrested in Elm Square and charged with driving with a suspended license and a red light violation.

At 12:59 p.m., Zavis L. Nudera, 21, of 13 Lowell Junction Road, Andover, was arrested on Lowell Junction Road and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 2:42 p.m., Shane J. Lemay, 29, of 4 Algonquin St., Tewksbury, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with attaching plates to and driving an unregistered vehicle without a license.

At 9:38 p.m., Arthur Beaulieu, 43, of 2 Progress Ave., Nashua, N.H., was taken into protective custody at Camp Lorraine and, after allegedly becoming aggressive, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer. An officer reported a cut above his eye.

Tuesday, July 27 - At 10:49 p.m., an 18-year-old Andover male was taken into protective custody after a party was broken up on Stinson Road.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 21 - At 11:17 p.m., a Lovejoy Road resident reported seeing three kids carrying a ladder toward Sanborn School. An officer reported the kids said they had lost a basketball on the school's roof. They were to talk with a janitor in the morning.

At 4:39 p.m., an assault was reported on Hidden Road.

Thursday, July 22 - At 2:57 p.m., Phillips Academy security reported that someone had tried to drive off in one of the school's golf carts, and then jump into their own vehicle.

At 3:29 p.m., a Westwind Road man called about some solicitors who talked to his son about "where they could purchase some marijuana." An officer was to speak with them.

Friday, July 23 - At 12:54 p.m., a resident called saying her house was struck by lightning. An officer

reported walking around the house without seeing evidence of a lightning strike. The resident's house had been "struck by lightning before, and when her alarm went off she was afraid she was struck again," said the log.

Saturday, July 24 - At 1:40 p.m., someone reported "a suspicious female wearing jeans and a floppy hat on Salem Street." An officer reported a girl was waiting for her mother, and there was no problem.

At 2:17 p.m., a High Plain Road woman reported discovering a half-dollar-sized hole in one of her windows. An officer reported that they figured out that a rock had been thrown through the window by the person's own lawnmower.

At 5:37 p.m., a North Main Street caller reported that sidewalks and a driveway had just been "washed out" and were blocking the sewers on Harding Street.

At 10:17 p.m., a North Main Street caller reported hearing a woman "screaming like someone was beating her." An officer reported the neighbor was watching a funny movie and screaming and yelling.

Sunday, July 25 - Throughout the day, there were various reports of tree limbs and wires damaged or downed by lightning strikes.

Monday, July 26 - At 10:45 p.m., a Highland Road man reported that he'd been having a problem all summer with the driver of a Mercedes who kept leaving trash bags out with the Highland Road man's trash on garbage day.

Tuesday, July 27 - At 2:56 a.m., a Enfield Road caller reported a car with kids in it had just driven down the street while the kids threw windows out of the car. An officer reported four windows smashed in the street.

At 11:32 a.m., an Andover woman reported a restraining order violation.

At 11:52 p.m., an investigation at

Stinson Road revealed that marijuana plants were being grown in the woods. The drugs were confiscated and brought back to the station.

BREAKS

Wednesday, July 21 - At 8:56 a.m., an employee of St. Augustine Church on Essex Street reported that someone had discovered a break into the church the previous morning. The area had been "touched by almost everyone who works there" and a carpenter was fixing the broken door. Police told the church to stop all work until an officer could view the scene.

At 2:42 p.m., a break was reported to a Pleasant Street home.

Monday, July 26 - At 12:56 a.m., an officer reported that an air conditioner in the back of the BP gas station on Route 125 had been pushed in, but it appeared no entry had been gained because an alarm was sounding.

Tuesday, July 27 - At 5:28 p.m., a Mohawk Drive caller reported that someone had broken into his neighbor's house.

THEFTS

Wednesday, July 21 - At 10:44 a.m., a motorist reported someone had stolen his sunglasses after he left them at a West Andover business.

Thursday, July 22 - At 1:11 p.m., a caller from South Church reported a wallet had been taken two days previous.

Saturday, July 24 - At 8:49 p.m., a detective was to file on a stolen purse that was recovered in Methuen.

Sunday, July 25 - At 10:30 a.m., a Maple Avenue resident reported someone had taken her credit card from her purse sometime between 5 and 6 a.m.

Monday, July 26 - At 5:03 p.m., a Salem Street man reported that someone had stolen his mailbox.

At 7:28 p.m., an Argilla Road man

reported items missing from his shed.

Tuesday, July 27 - At 3:35 p.m., an officer was requested to speak with someone at Wingate Nursing Home about the theft of several wallets.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, July 21 - At 10:36 a.m., a Shawsheen Luncheonette employee reported that someone had sliced the top of her convertible and stolen her car radio.

Saturday, July 24 - At 11:35 a.m., a man came to the station to report that someone had stolen his CD player from his car earlier in the week while it was at an auto repair shop on Lupine Road.

At 7:56 p.m., Andover Country Club reported a small blue vehicle driving on the golf course. An officer reported it was the maintenance man working for the club.

Monday, July 26 - At 7:19 p.m., a West Andover gas station attendant reported on accident on the I-93N ramp from River Road. One of the people involved in the accident was unconscious. State police handled the incident.

Tuesday, July 27 - At 1:33 p.m., an accident with injury was reported near Andover Bank's Main Street branch after a woman reported backing into a young boy on a bike who emerged from the bushes. An ambulance and paramedics responded.

At 3:15 p.m., an officer was to file on cruiser damage.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, July 23 - At 8:16 a.m., there were several calls about an accident with injury on High Street.

Saturday, June 24 - At 9:26 p.m., an accident with minor injuries was reported on North Main Street.

VANDALISM

There were five incidents of vandalism this week, including several broken windows at West Elementary School.

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Kutz land ...

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the Conservation Commission in fall of 1998, included five homes to be built on the six-acre property until a wetlands crossing led to a modified plan of four homes. Developers last week presented the Conservation Commission with a modified plan for the property for two house lots, according to Jim Greer, Conservation Commission administrator.

Attorney Michael Healy, who represents the trustees of the estate, says the two-house plan is one of several

options the developer is considering, but would not comment on any other options.

"We are getting comments from the neighbors, but that (two-house) option is being seriously considered," he says.

Residents and conservationists say the land should not be developed because of its extensive wetlands and because it serves as a link to the 10-acre Purden Reservation.

O'Hara says that very little of the land-locked lot she plans to buy is capable of being developed, but it is in her best interests to maintain the vernal pool on the property.

If they frogs who live there can't survive, the pool would turn into a mosquito pit, she says. She also hopes that by purchasing the lot, the developers will build two fewer homes, with two fewer septic systems, which she says would contaminate the surrounding wetland.

A neighbor of O'Hara is planning to buy another portion of the estate, Lot 6, from the trustees, she says, which is a portion not originally intended for development.

Resident Dick Canterbury says he would rather not see any development of the property, but a plan for two homes is better than four.

"Absolutely no good is going to come of developing this property other than to make money," he says.

Attaching the estate to the Purden Reservation would create a "more viable, interesting, diverse piece of (open space) property smack in the middle of a developed area, within walking distance of the Senior Center and SHED.

While he expects the Conservation Commission to do their job according to the law, and enforce wetlands bylaws, Canterbury has hired attorneys and consultants to review the project because he believes the development maybe illegal.

"There's a lot going on environmentally. I don't thoroughly understand why I feel so strongly about it, but I was raised near vernal pools. I didn't call them that, but they were the joy of my childhood and I can't stand idly by while three of them are threatened," he says.

Greer says the final plans, which were nearly a year in the making, are scheduled to be heard at the Conservation Commission Aug. 17.

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Mercury in ponds points to need to recycle

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Reports showing mercury present in fish living in local ponds are just another reason to improve recycling in town, say local legislators.

The Department of Public Health released last week a report of levels of mercury found in fish in local ponds and bodies of water, advising residents whether the fish are safe to eat.

While mercury exists in most New England water bodies, the concentrations of mercury in fish in the two Andover ponds tested by the DPH were relatively safe.

Of the 30 water bodies tested in the state, freshwater-fish advisories were issued for 26 of them.

The report advises the people should not eat fish from Pumps Pond more than twice a month, and children under 12, pregnant women, and nursing mothers should not eat any of the fish. The report also advises that no one eat large-mouth bass caught in Pumps Pond.

Large-mouth bass from Haggets Pond are safe to eat once or twice a month unless you are under 12, pregnant or nursing, according to the Department of Public Health.

Tucker says the advisories are important for the Lawrence area where many immigrants eat fish from local ponds and rivers.

"While we can't stop (mercury) from migrating from other sources, we can get more aggressive in recycling and emissions controls," she says.

Finegold says that to keep mercury out of the waste stream towns need to develop alternatives to throwing away batteries and fluorescent light bulbs.

Andover has button battery collection boxes stationed in various town locations, including the Town Hall and Health Department.

Tucker says that for people to know which items contain mercury and shouldn't be thrown into the trash, the law should require products containing mercury to be labeled as such.

This requirement is part of her bill, House 3125, to make sure there is a labeling and collection system for products which contain mercury.

"The huge expense of this bill has to be shared by industry, state and federal government, consumers and waste disposal companies," she says.

According to the state Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment, mercury has been detected in most fish species sampled from freshwater bodies in Massachusetts and other states, but the range is broad and varies by water body and species of fish. Chain pickerel and large- and small-mouth bass typically have the highest concentrations of mercury, the report says.

Arts & Entertainment

Short cuts

Neil Fater



Lost in space

I am disgusted (*click!*) but not really enough to do anything about it. (*Click!*)

Rome is burning, and I'm busy fiddling (*click!*) with my TV remote control.

I'm always complaining about what's on television (*click!*), but late at night, when I just can't sleep, hours tick by while I watch (*click!*) nothing (*click!*), nothing (*click!*), oh, sports highlights!

I am the typical American male.

A English woman was in town this week visiting my girlfriend and watching what passes for the nightly newscast.

What did she learn about us from watching a half hour of news?

"You have a pigeon problem in Boston," she said. "You can't play chess any more in Boston because there's pigeon poop everywhere."

So that's what happened to Bobby Fischer, I think. But the truth is, the "poop" problem is in TV Land, not Boston. And it's not just restricted to vacant newscasts.

In fact, nowhere is the poop piled higher than in shows geared specifically to males like me.

Now, if the problem were just with things like professional wrestling, that would be fine. Certainly, you can question why people would watch men pretend to hit each other with folding chairs when they can turn on *Springer* and see the real thing.

But TV does need to provide something for middle-school boys unwilling to watch soap operas. And, let's face it, wrestling is just *Days of Our Lives* on steroids.

There's heaps of hand-holding, bushels of betrayal, and lots of rabid viewers who think what's happening is real.

No, the larger - and more amusing - problem is with the shows geared to adult males.

Take *The X Show* on the FX cable station, a show that promises to teach men the things they need to know. I watched the show once and this was the advice they offered: If a date is coming over, make sure you have toilet paper. Wow, thanks guys!

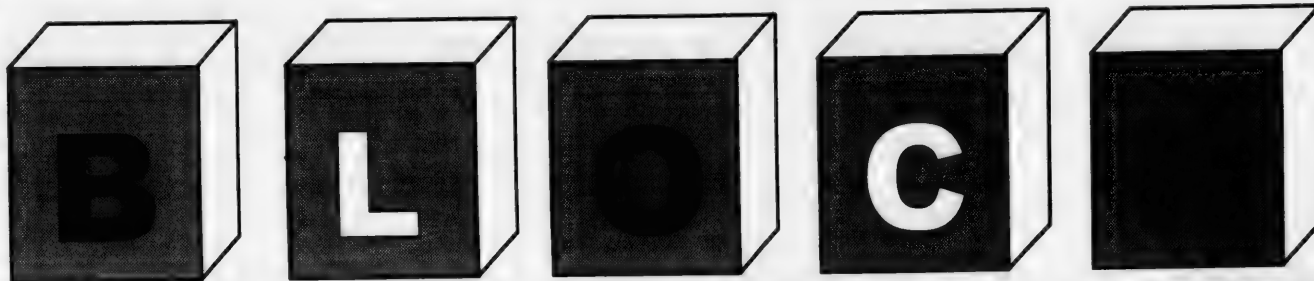
I had a good mind to change the channel, but they promised to have female models come out and model boxers later in the show.

As bad as *The X Show* is, the classic example of what TV executives think of males is on TBS's "movies for guys who like movies."

You know there are nights when the TV gurus there think "Oh, just throw in a movie with Clint Eastwood or some guy firing a bazooka. The viewers are just guys like us. They'll watch it!"

"Now let's all go to a strip club!"

But the TV gurus fail to realize guys are much deeper than that. Sometimes, for instance, we like to watch movies where guys hit each other in the face.



Parties!

Many neighborhoods are throwing themselves into these cul-de-sac celebrations - and building community

By Neil Fater

When Janet Wright had twins, she knew she needed a bigger house, but didn't want to move away from her neighborhood - or from her neighborhood block party.

So Wright and her family moved right next door, and have continued to party year after year.

"We really didn't want to leave people who were such good friends and neighbors. It takes me about an hour to walk around the neighborhood because I'm stopped three or four times to talk with people," says Wright.

"And I don't know if I would have met so many people if they didn't have our block party once a year," she says.

Believe it or not, Wright's attitude toward her block party is not unusual. Andover, it seems, is full of blockheads, people who love their neighborhood block parties.

About a dozen neighborhoods in Andover have annual block parties, and many residents swear that the parties are a great way



Pie eyed - Each year these West Parish Drive neighbors put their best face forward at an end-of-summer bash.

to bring together both young and old, townie and newcomer.

"People are so busy these days between working and school, that they really seem to come together for this," says Wright, of her party.

"People are talking about it in the winter, in the spring," says Eileen Hespeler, of her Midland

Circle party. "They're just always talking about it. My daughter wakes up the next day and says, 'That was fun!'"

"It started out just to meet people and now it's something everyone looks forward to," says Hespeler, of the annual party started seven years ago by her Argilla

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Indie film train has new stop: Andover

By Rebecca Lipchitz

As producer of the film *Next Stop Wonderland*, about a man and a woman who seem destined to meet, Andover's Laura Bernieri knows that making connections with the right people is crucial.

In February she opened her own production company, Brighton Avenue, with business partner Ted Kurland, head of Ted Kurland Associates, a prominent booking and management agency for jazz musicians, including Pat Metheny, John Schofield, Chick Corea and Branford Marsalis.

With this combination of creative skill, film-industry connections and business sense, the two have set out to become the hub of independent film production in the Hub. Their operations are based in Kurland's Boston office on Brighton Avenue.

One Andover resident who recog-



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Budding business - Laura Bernieri is engineering an independent film company.

nizes the potential of Brighton Avenue is engineer/actor Steve Stapinski. He is considering investing in a Brighton Avenue production.

The Boston film community is a close-knit group of full-time freelancers, he says, and is different from the film culture in Hollywood and New York City, where big feature films and television shows are always in the works.

"It provides some cohesion in the industry," says Stapinski. "Getting the good people is hard, but her longer-term program will be able to attract the best technical people and artists."

"What sets her apart from the others is her ability to market," says Stapinski.

Bernieri marketed *Next Stop Wonderland* so successfully that Miramax paid \$6 million for it, making it the

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For diehards, 'Best of July' is arresting material

Humor: Outlandish incidents keep many prowling cop log

A newspaper's police log is like a highway accident. Everyone has to stop and take a look.

It's certainly no different in Andover, where many readers say they never miss a chance to laugh about the silly and strange situations that often warrant the police's attention.

So, as a service to those who are intrigued by odd "emergencies," here's the Best of Cop Log from July.

Names and addresses have been deleted to protect the guilty.

Thanks for nothing

Tuesday, July 6 - At 12:50 p.m., an apparent Good Samaritan dropped off a purse he had found at the North

Andover Bradlees. Police say while searching the purse for identification they also found marijuana. When the woman who owned the purse came to reclaim it, she was issued a summons for possession of a Class D substance.

Power and the pooch

Wednesday, July 7 - At 4:31 p.m., a man reported that he thought someone had stolen his dog from inside an invisible, electronic fence. Later the man figured out what really had happened. Following a power failure, his dog had wandered off, he said. When the power came back on, the dog was in someone else's yard. The dog became trapped in this other yard because when the pow-

er came on, so did the other yard's invisible fence.

...and you've had my hammer for two years now

Thursday, July 8 - At 9:02 a.m., a resident who had reported his vehicle stolen on July 3, reported the vehicle had been returned. The man had lent his car to someone who had kept it for five days.

Hell on wheels

Thursday, July 8 - At 12:07 p.m., a caller reported that a man in a wheelchair on Main Street had harassed a woman and was weaving in and out of traffic. An officer was unable

to find the man.

Welcome back, now leave

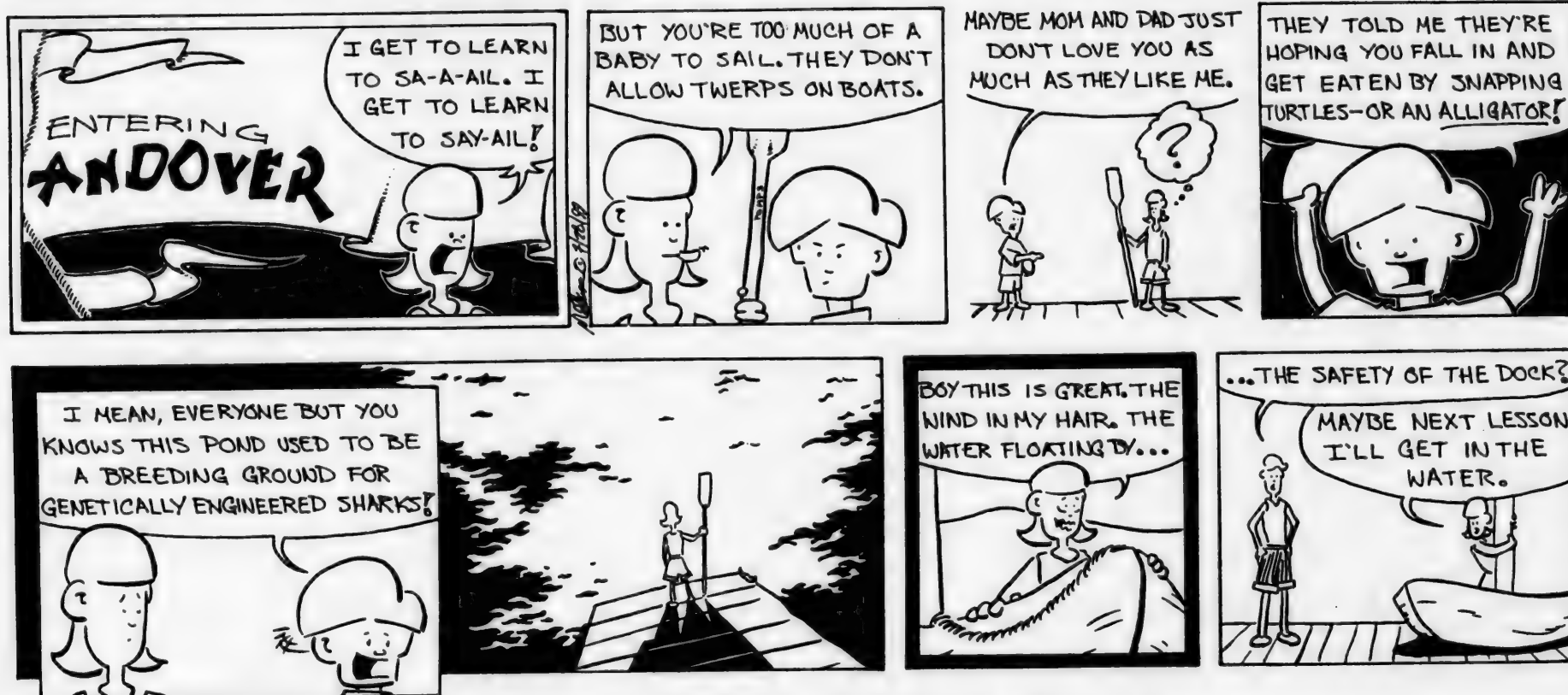
Friday, July 9 - At 1:02 p.m., a woman reported a car had pulled over in front of her house and then left. The chief located the vehicle. The driver, a college student home for the summer, said she had pulled over to pick up CDs that her dog had knocked over.

Accident of birth?

Sunday, July 11 - At 6:45 a.m., a motorist from Billerica was found lying on a grassy area near the corner of School and Central streets. The man seemed confused and barely conscious. But he refused medical treatment and

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By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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passed a field sobriety test. Although his car appeared to have been in an accident because one side was damaged, the officer found no signs of damage in the area. The man took a cab home.

Two tired

Wednesday, July 14 - At 2:59 p.m., a Carmel Road caller reported a car parked at the end of the road with a woman and baby who were asleep. An officer reported the woman had been driving to get her child to fall asleep. She pulled over and the child fell asleep, but then so did she. They were both fine.

Any other requests?

Friday, July 16 - At 5:50 p.m., a man asked an officer "to check the area for an expired raccoon... to listen for the barking dog and (for) the noise coming from a band," according to the log.

Guess who's coming to dinner?

Monday, July 19 - At 4:18 p.m., an employee reported ducks near her facility's loading dock. She said she was afraid someone might "do something to them." Police confirmed there were ducks in the area, but saw no problem.

Fashion police

Saturday, July 24 - At 1:40 p.m., someone reported "a suspicious female wearing jeans and a floppy hat." An officer reported a girl was waiting for her mother, and there was no problem.

Now that's entertainment!

Saturday, July 24 - At 10:17 p.m., a caller reported hearing a woman "screaming like someone was beating her." An officer reported the neighbor was watching a funny movie and screaming and yelling.

Coming attractions focus on music

New youth troupe takes musical stage

A group of middle school thespians will be entering uncharted territory next weekend when they launch a new musical theater group.

The group is the first ever Summer Theater Ensemble and it plans to produce *Once on This Island*, a Caribbean reworking of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid*.

The musical will be performed at the Collins Center at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6, and Saturday, Aug. 7.

The Summer Theater Ensemble was started this year as an outgrowth of the Children's Studio for the Arts, says co-founder Elly Seavey.

Kids in grades 7 to 10, who became too old to perform for the Children's Studio were looking for a theater company they could join, she says.

"We just realized last year that we had so many of our older children coming back year after year," says Seavey. "We had so many middle school kids we realized they needed something more. They needed the next step."

The young actors will take that next step next weekend. Tickets cost \$3 and are being sold at the Department of Community Services in town offices, and at Photo USA and Learning Express.

Born to sing

The New England Classical Singers and guest music director Anne Watson Born will host a community summer sing Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St. (Route 28) at 7:30 p.m. Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* will be the featured work. Admission is \$5. Bring your own score or borrow one at the door. For more information, call 688-2816.

Seventh heaven

North Regional Theatre Workshop will hold its seventh annual Giant Yard Sale and Bake Sale Saturday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, on the corner of Park Street and Route 62 in North Reading. All



Island getaway - Angela Tenney, of Andover, Meghan Haines, of Atkinson, N.H., and Jeff Kane, of Andover, prepare for Aug. 6 and 7.

items should be clean and in working order.

All proceeds from NRTW's seventh annual yard sale will go towards funding its fall production of "Home for the Holidays," a Christmas musical revue extravaganza.

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Independent stops in Andover

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second largest sale in the history of independent films, she says.

Brighton Avenue is also connected with Allied Advertising, a powerful force in film marketing. So between Bernieri and Kurland, Brighton Avenue appears to have all the necessary connections and talent it needs to make films happen.

"It's a huge risk, but we have all the right people," says Bernieri.

Her experience in script-writing allows her to work with writers, directors and actors, she says.

She likens script-writing to ballet.

"It's a precise craft. You need to know the rules before you can break them," she says.

While Bernieri deals with the creative talent, Kurland serves as a link to the business community and to investors.

Because Kurland manages musicians whose sounds are more on the fringe than in the mainstream, his clients also often provide music for independent film, Bernieri says.

Early stops

Bernieri, a native of Weston, is one of the first graduates of Hampshire College, in Amherst. She moved to Burbank, Calif., after graduation to begin her acting career. While Bernieri saw the emergence in Hollywood of contemporary, groundbreaking studio films such as *Star Wars* and *Apocalypse Now*, she discovered that her strengths were in the intellectual realm of creating film, such as writing.

"I didn't have the psychological stamina for the cattle call (of acting)," she says.

She moved back to Massachusetts in 1986. As a mother of two, she had a dream to open an independent studio, but not the time. Instead, she founded the Harvard Square Scriptwriters group, which continues to meet today.

A year later she was convinced by her cousin Sybil Wise, wife of Phillips Academy's Kelly Wise, to go on a date with Lou Bernieri, a PA English teacher.

Less than two months later, Laura and Lou Bernieri held a party in Andover to celebrate their wedding (they eloped), and Lou's appointment as head of the English department.

She has since had two children, Louis, 11, and Michael, 7. She is also the mother of B.J. Edwards, 22, a musician and now a student at Berklee School of Music, and Nicole, 18, a student at Evergreen College in Olympia, Wash.

While her work with the screenwriters group was going well, the economy dried up in the early '90s, and she was frustrated with the lack of opportunities for new films.

Meanwhile the film industry had evolved with the help of AVID editing technology, putting filmmaking capability in the hands of small producers. It was time to realize her dream of creating a studio, in Boston.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

What a Wonder-ful world - Bernieri is excited about heading down a whole new track.

"There was a feeling of 'If you build it, they will come,'" she says.

Since the business of producing movies is as much about creativity as it is about making the numbers work, Bernieri turned to Kurland, not only for his business sense, but his ability to work with emerging artists.

"Artists need supportive management. Not every year is going to be your best year," Bernieri says.

While indie films are filling niche markets all over the country, investors and audiences have finally recognized it as more than a fad, she says.

She likens the trends in independent filmmaking to the light in a lighthouse that in the early years shone on the market for the gay community, and is now turning to women's films.

"The industry is evolving," Bernieri says.

The vision of Brighton Avenue is to bring the Boston film community together, and see several projects at a time through development, production and distribution, she says.

The company is currently working on films including *Julia's Child*, a coming-of-age story about an alienated young boy who turns to cooking shows and becomes a chef, and *Big Girl*, written by North Andover residents Mary Beth Edmonds and Kim Caviness, and directed by Caviness.

Brighton Avenue also developed a script through Harvard Square Script Writers for feature film *Maria Bonita*, which was bought by Danny DeVito and is scheduled to be shot in New Jersey this summer.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Teddy Bear Jamboree, sponsored by University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Festival Foundation, for preschool and elementary-school children, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Voices of the Millennium, sponsored by Northern Essex Community College, a talk by clinical social worker, 2 p.m., Bentley Library Conference Area, Elliott Way, Haverhill; Mary Jane Gillespie (978) 738-7415.

FRIDAY, July 30

Reception, sponsored by art faculty of Phillips Academy's Summer Session, featuring local artists Robin Hansen, Leah Johnson, Frances McCormick, Heather Pottle, Emily Trespas, Rosemarie Webb, Peg Harrigan, Dennis Lanson

, Jessica Lupiani, Maggie Moore, Frank Phillips, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Gelb Gallery, George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy campus; Kennan Newbold 749-4475.

Opening reception, sponsored by Essex Art Center, exhibit by photographers Marc Friedman, Patrick Lord, Murton Sudalter, 5-7 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-23434.

Lowell Summer Music Festival, sponsored by University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Festival Foundation, featuring Lowell Summer Concert Band, 8 p.m., \$5, Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Comedy Escape, featuring Steve Sweeney, Katie Grady, Troy Diamond, 9:30 p.m., \$10-

\$12 cover charge, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover.

SATURDAY, July 31

Mr. Bear & Company, sponsored by University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Festival Foundation, presented by Ha'Penny Theatre for preschool and elementary school children, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Lowell Summer Music Festival, featuring Bill Kirchen and his band Too Much Fun,

country music, see Friday, July 30 entry. **Comedy Escape**, see entry under Friday, July 30.

SUNDAY, Aug. 1

Family fun day, sponsored by Department of Community Services, regatta and concert featuring R.G. Gallagher Band, 1:30 p.m., Poms Pond, off Abbot Street; 623-8274.

Hawaiian luau, a singles dance sponsored by Sunday Singles, free buffet, door prizes,

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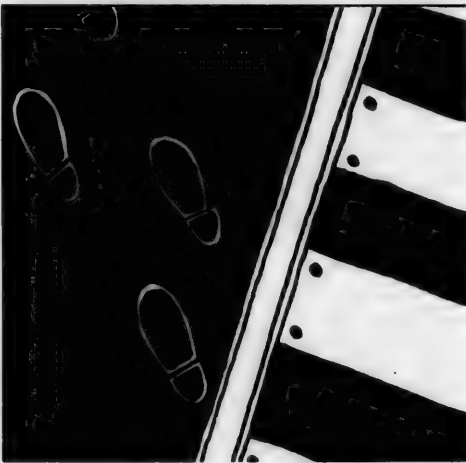


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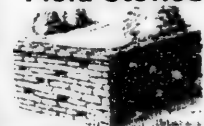
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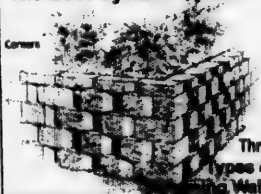
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no jeans, sneaker, t-shirts, \$5, Andover Marriott, River Road; Richard (978) 623-7249.

MONDAY, Aug. 2

Yankee homecoming event, sponsored by Historical Society of Old Newbury, demonstration of hand-cut portraiture, five-minute seatings available by reservation, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cushing House Museum garden, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

Meeting, Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack, 7:30 p.m. Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Tom (978) 462-8518.

Antique show and sale, Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-9272.

TUESDAY, Aug. 3

Concert, featuring Boogaloo Swamis, 6:30 p.m., waterfront, Newburyport; (978) 465-0265.

Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia, featuring the the Cercle Miller Quartet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, wheelchair accessible, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Yankee homecoming event, see entry under Monday, Aug. 2.

Wedding Fair, sponsored by Wedding Fair International for brides and grooms, 6-9 p.m., \$5, Andover Country Club, Canterbury Street; Dracut Limousine Service (800) 446-1104.

Blood drive, sponsored by Hunneman Victor-Coldwell Banker, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Old Town House, 20 Main St.; Jean 1-800-462-9400, Ext. 2064, or Charlene 794-5625.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 4

Organ recital, sponsored by Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Ann Labounsky performing Couperin, Langlais, Jenkins, Bach, 8 p.m., \$6 adults, \$1 children, 192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen; MMMH events line 685-0693.

Concert, sponsored by Department of Community Services, featuring Continental Swing Orchestra, 6 p.m., the Park bandstand, Bartlet and Chestnut streets; DCS 623-8274.

Meeting, Learning in Retirement Association, for retirees and semiretired, featuring a talk on the life and times of Eratus Gibson, an artisan of the southwest, 10 a.m.-noon, Olney Building, Room 428, UMass Lowell North Campus, Lowell; (978) 934-3135.

Community summer sing, sponsored by New England Classical Singers, featuring Haydn's *Mass in Time of War*, bring your own score or borrow one at the door, 7:30 a.m., \$5, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., (Route 28); 688-2816.

THURSDAY, Aug. 5

Concert, sponsored by University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Festival Foundation, for preschool and elementary school children, featuring David Parker: The Pied Piper of Sign, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Gospel music concert, sponsored by New Fellowship Baptist Church Gospel Choir, 8 p.m., Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; (978) 388-1117.

Strawberry shortcake festival, 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$3, Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; (978) 388-1117.

Summer jam cookout, sponsored by Service Club of Andover, food, music, games, 5:30-7:45 p.m., the Park, Bartlet and Chestnut streets; RSVP by Monday, Aug. 2, 470-3115 after 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, Aug. 6

Comedy Escape, featuring John David, Jesse Emmett, Ted Barrett, see entry under Friday, July 30.

Lowell Summer Music Festival, featuring Shirley Reeves and her seven-piece band, see entry under Friday, July 30.

Aladdin and the Magic Lamp, featuring the Gingerbread Players and Jack, 9:30 a.m., and noon, \$7.50, \$6.75 NSMT members, North Shore Music Theater, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; (978) 232-7200.

Summer tea, sponsored by Stevens Memorial Library, scrapbook artists will share their ideas for creating memorable keepsakes, 2 p.m. Meeting Room, 345 Main St., North Andover, RSVP 689-9585.

Once on this Island, performed by Summer Theater Ensemble, tickets at Department of Community Service office, Photo USA, Learning Express, 7:30 p.m., \$3, Collins Center, Shawsheen Road; Elly Seavey 475-3319.



Reaching new heights - The inaugural Summer Theater Ensemble show will reach show time next weekend.

SATURDAY, Aug. 7

Concert, sponsored by University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Festival Foundation, for preschool and elementary school children, featuring Franco-American singer-songwriter Lucie Therrien, 11 a.m., Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Lowell Summer Music Festival, featuring Richie Havens, see entry under Friday, July 30.

Once on this Island, see entry under Friday, Aug. 6.

Yard and bake sale, sponsored by North Regional Theatre Workshop, donated items will be accepted 6-9 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Aug. 5 and 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Masonic Temple, Park Street and Route 62, North Reading; Paul 681-0355

ONGOING Summer

Pomps Pond, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. through Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 8-29, season pass for Andover residents \$25 per car or daily fee of \$5 per person, concession stand hours through Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Aug. 8-29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., locker rentals 50 cents per day, \$1 deposit, sailboats \$10 per hour, must be certified, canoes and kayaks, \$4 per hour, limit three per canoe, swimming test required, Abbot Street.



Big waves - but calm waters at Pomps Pond.

Summer Shack, sponsored by Andover Youth Services, for middle school students, basketball, frisbee, wiffle ball, volleyball, mathball, meatball, hot dog eating contests, twister, card games, bingo, videos, ping pong, through Aug. 12, 7-9 p.m., West Middle School Gym, Shawsheen Road; AYS 623-8241.

Acting classes, sponsored by Actors Studio of North Reading, one-week sessions, 246 Main St., Suite 8, North Reading; Susan (978) 684-125.

Nature walks, sponsored by Harold Parker State Forest, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., meet at Park Headquarters.

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ters; Barbara Buls, 686-3391.

Touch tank tour, ages 4-8, 2-3 p.m., Wednesdays, through Aug. 28, \$3 adults, \$2 children. Custom House Maritime Museum, 25 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 462-8681.

Children's Corner performances, for preschool and elementary school children featuring music, puppets, storytelling, magic, Thursday and Saturday 11 a.m.-noon, Boarding House Park, French Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

Canal tours, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; RSVP (978) 970-5000.



Tour de force - of the Lowell canals.

Lowell National Historic Park, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, trolley rides, Pawtucket Canal Tour; Working People Exhibit at Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center; Boott Cotton Mills Museum, open daily, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 youth 6-16 and students, senior discount, free children 5 and under; (978) 970-5000.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, Thursdays, May-October, first and third Sunday of the month, 2-4 p.m., July and August, call for reservations, permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, *And So to Sleep*, coverlets from the Hawthorne collection, through Aug. 1, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, students, includes general museum admission, free for children under 6 and museum members, 481 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, *The Working City at Play*, exhibit recalling the pastimes and leisure activities of Lowell residents from the 19th century until today, through November, 400 Foot of John Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.



Go ape - and hang around the New England Quilt Museum.

Crane Estate Great House guided tours, through Oct. 7, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., trustee members free, \$7 adults, \$5 children and seniors, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; (978) 356-4351.

Exploring Lowell, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

New England Quilt Museum, *Endangered Species*, through Aug. 1, *Seeing Yellow*, Aug. 6-Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, \$4, \$3 students/senior citizens, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Blanket Statements: A Brief History of Native American Trade*, through July, Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m., 175 Main St.; 749-4490.

Peabody Essex Museum, *The Real Witchcraft Papers*, *Going Places in Asia*, *A Folk Art Sampler*, *Order & Elegance: Masterpieces of Federal Furniture from Coastal Massachusetts*, *Ancient New Englanders: Bullbrook*, all ongoing, *Mystical Arts of Tibet*, through Oct. 17, *Timeless Visions: Contemporary Art of India*, through Oct. 31, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m. \$8.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors, students, \$5 children ages 6-16, free, children 5 and under, \$20 family rate, Phillips Library, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 1-8 p.m. Liberty and Essex streets, Salem; (978) 745-9500 or (800) 745-4054.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m., \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and children ages 5-17, members free, operated by Newburyport Maritime Society, 25 Water St., Newburyport; Cynthia Novotny (978) 462-8681.

Cushing House Museum, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, members free, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

Salem 1630, Pioneer Village, a recreation of the first English settlement in Salem, Mass., through November, \$5 adults, \$3 children, Forest River Park, Salem, Mass.; (978) 744-0991.

Wenham Museum, *Second Star to the Right*, tracing America's fascination with space, through Sept. 19, *BARBIE: A 40th Anniversary Retrospective*, through Sept. 7, *Far Out, Man!: Clothes of the '60s and '70s*, through Oct. 31, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, \$3.50 seniors, \$2 children 3 and over, handicap access, 132 Main St. (Route 1A), Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Peter Sehaer: American Pictures*, through July 31, *Sculpture in Context*, through July 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Main Street, Phillips Academy campus; BJ Larson 749-4027.

Bishop's Restaurant, fine art paintings by Andovers Artists Guild artists, through July, Hampshire Street, Lawrence; Jim Cassidy 688-0633.

Essex Art Center, *Three Photographers*, Marc Friedman, Patrick Lord, Murton Sudalter, July 30-Aug. 27, Tuesday-Thurs., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Arthur J. McCabe & Associates Law Offices, *Lithographs and Serigraphs of Japanese Artist Elzin Suzuki*, ninth floor, 300 Brickstone Square; (978) 388-5820.

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BLACKDOG

Residents rarely block out memories of these parties

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Road neighbors, the Birds and Elowes. "At some point it got to the point where people wanted to bring their friends and we had to say, 'You just can't. It's too big.'"

Block parties are so big in some neighborhoods that residents have as many as three or four planning sessions throughout the spring to get ready for the one-day event.

With several Andover block parties attracting more than 100 people, a list outlining who will bring what food is just the beginning of the lists that are needed.

"I have another list just with stuff like, 'It takes two hours to fill as many water balloons as we usually use,' and 'You must lay a wet towel over them so they won't pop,'" says Gay Bird of Argilla Road.

But lists just give one an outline of how involved some block parties have become.

Helen Kostakis, of Fulton Road, says that for her block party this year, her neighborhood plans to rent one of those large inflatable bouncy things that kids love to bound around in — and this is only her neighborhood's first block party.

Kim Davidson, the founder

and ringleader for her seven-year-old West Parish Drive area block party, says she plans to put together a photo album of her community shindigs. Davidson says that at her parties they hand out neighborhood directories and maps showing where people live. People in her neighborhood, not only know the names of their neighbors, but also which kids are interested in babysitting or mowing lawns.

Games

So you can only imagine the number of games that are planned for both kids and adults. From swimming in neighborhood pools, to closing off roads for street-hockey games to water balloon and egg tosses, there's enough three-legged, pie-eatin', obstacle-course fun to run both kids and adults ragged.

"In the past we've hired college kids to help with the games," says Eileen Hespeler. "They're just babysitters we've used in the neighborhood."

Some block parties are so popular that people even plan their vacations around them.

"One woman passed up on the wedding and flying across the country," says Kurt Hespeler.

"That's just an indication of how much people enjoy it."

"A lot of things come out of (her neighborhood's party)," says Davidson, of West Parish Drive. "There's a gourmet dinner club. There's been play groups for some of the kids. Every year we have a Halloween parade the Saturday closest to Halloween."

Community building blocks

Davidson credits the annual parties with helping to foster that type of community spirit.

"I think it's incredible for getting people together," she says. "Some of the older people in the neighborhood know each other, but new people move in and never meet anybody."

When she first moved to Andover, Davidson says that happened to her.

"People would drive by and we wouldn't know who to wave to. We didn't know who lived in the neighborhood," she says.

"(Now) everyone really knows each other and everyone's really close. I think a big reason for that is the block party," she says.

The block party also helps bring friends together who normally can't find the time, say some.

"We're all busy either with our children's activities or our own activities. Even though we know each other, we don't always get the opportunity to get together," says Kostakis. "Everyone's busy. You basically just wave to each other as you pass in your cars."

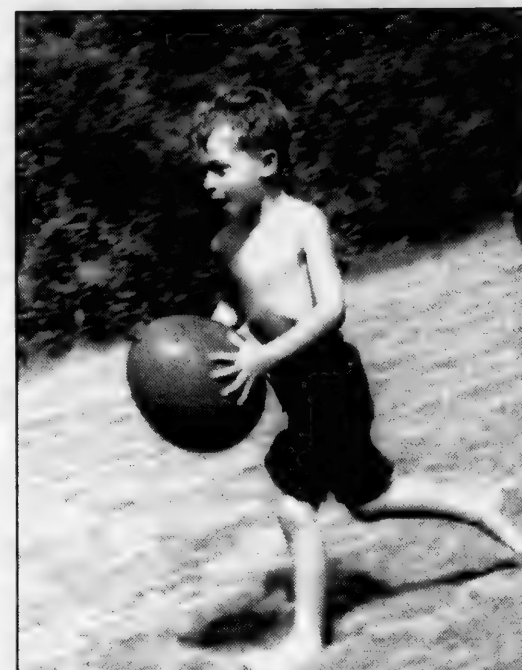
But for an event like a block party, many seem to find the time.

Generation X, Y, Z

Different generations also seem to find the time to come together at a block party.

Bird talks about the sight of a grandmother bringing her grandchild to the party, or a tall father running the three-legged race with his toddler.

"It gives me a sense of community," says Wright. "It makes me feel safer in my own neighborhood. If there were an emergency and I needed to get to the doctor, now I know a lot of people who are home during the day."



Wet and wild - Grant Hespeler sprints to the finish in a balloon relay. Games are a key building block for most neighborhood parties.

"We get thank-you notes from the people who have been in the neighborhood for 30 years," says Bird. "There's been a lot of turnover in our neighborhood in the last seven years. Nine families have moved in. But everyone feels they still know each other."

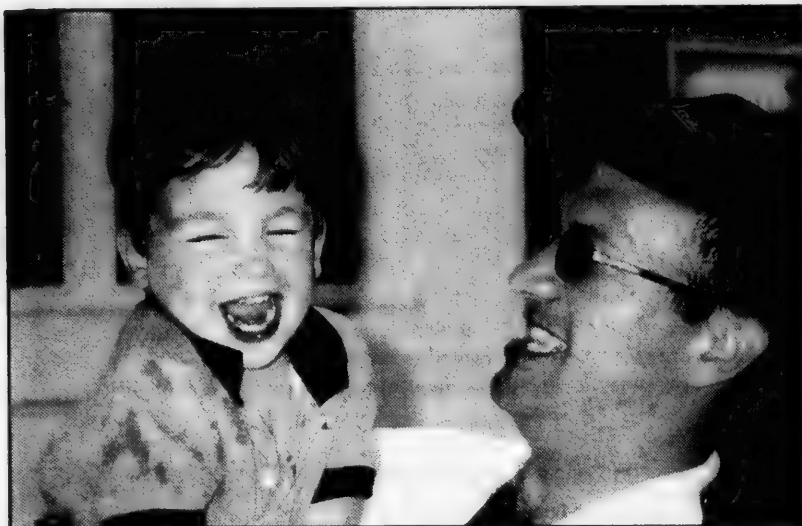
"The parents whose kids have left the nest enjoy watching our kids running around. They bring their chairs and they come over and cheer," says Bird. "And we love to hear about how the neighborhood's changed."

"I don't think that would happen if we didn't have this event."

But all of this makes you wonder, is the party more for adults or for the kids? Nearly every resident offers the same answer.

"It's definitely equal," says Bird. "We'll still be doing it when the kids are gone."

Or maybe the kids will just move next door — and party on.



Max-imum enjoyment - Chip Correra and his son Max, the hosts of their neighborhood's 1999 party, enjoy a laugh.

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Addison gets 'Legacy' in August

A valued collection of art work from historically black colleges and universities will grace the Addison Gallery at Phillips Academy beginning Aug. 31.

The collection, *To Conserve a Legacy*, will run at the Addison from Aug. 31 to Oct. 31. Selections from the Collection of John P. Axelrod will be exhibited at the Addison Gallery in conjunction with *Legacy*.

The *Legacy* exhibit is currently in New York as part of a national tour that's been lauded by the New York Times as "a lively and provocative crazy quilt of an exhibition."

When the Addison announced its plans at the beginning of last school year, Addison officials thought the *Legacy* exhibition would be at the Addison by July.

"It was held over in New York because the NAACP was having its annual conference there and that was one of the tours they took," says B.J. Larson, of the Addison Gallery. "We wanted it to be down there for that."

— Neil Fater



Arthur Bedou's Booker T. Washington in New Orleans, from the collection of Tuskegee University.

Living



William P. Rockwell

Celebrating the life of William P. Rockwell

By Joe Viera

A life dedicated to a love of tennis and family life ended on Saturday, July 17, as William P. Rockwell of North Andover died at his home.

Rockwell will always be remembered by friends and family as a successful business man, administrator of tennis and athlete.

Rockwell played an integral role in Andover tennis, as he organized and ran the Greater Lawrence Tennis Tour-

nament at Phillips Academy for 40 years.

"Bill would help to organize tennis matches all summer long," says family friend Marta Hornidge. "It was great fun for a lot of Andover residents. We would play tennis all summer long and at the end (of the summer) Bill would organize the tournament. It was quite the event for those who loved tennis in Andover and the area. Many young people furthered their game at the tourna-

ment, and Bill was instrumental in keeping it going for all those years."

His success in athletics went beyond the Greater Lawrence tournament as well.

His early skills may have seemed unconventional to some, but despite this the 17-year-old Rockwell enjoyed becoming one of only four men in the world who could ride a unicycle and juggle five clubs at the same time.

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Movie matinee

At First Sight, starring Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino, will be shown Monday, Aug. 9, at 1 p.m. This fun and romantic movie is based on a remarkable true story. Refreshments will be served following the show.

Chicken supper and Yankee Strummers concert

An old-fashion chicken supper will be followed by the Yankee Strummers Banjo Band concert Wednesday, Aug. 11. Tickets cost \$5 and will be sold on an advance purchase basis only.

Hearing screening

Licensed audiologists from Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network will conduct a complimentary hearing screening Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. by appointment only.

Computer lab time

Free computer lab time will be offered Aug. 5, 10, 16 and 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the computer classroom located in Old Town Hall. This is not a class, but an opportunity to practice skills learned in a previous course through the center. Preregistration is necessary and may be done by calling Pat at the Senior Center.

John Singer Sargent exhibit

Reservations are being

taken for a Wednesday, Aug. 25, trip to the Museum of Fine Arts to view the John Singer Sargent exhibit. Cost is \$22 and payment will be accepted at time of reservation.

Strawberry Banke trip

A trip to Strawberry Banke and Prescott Park Gardens in Portsmouth, N.H., is planned for Monday, Aug. 16, with a rain date of the following day. The cost is \$16 and reservations are now being accepted.

Card and dessert party

What's your favorite game? Whist, checkers, cribbage, Scrabble, Monopoly, rummy? Bring a deck of cards or your favorite board game Tuesday, Aug. 24, and join us from 1 to 4

p.m. for a dessert and card party. Free tickets are available at the center.

August classes

Many classes and programs continue during the month of August, including woodcarving, men's exercise, water aerobics, massage therapy, line dance, strength training for women, low-impact aerobics, bingo, art group, writing group, watercolor, ping pong, country line dance, men's bridge, yoga and blood pressure clinic. Call the center for dates and times.

Newcomers' coffee

A newcomers' coffee will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who recently achieved senior status, is new

to Andover or is interested in the services and programs available at the center is welcome.

AARP driving class

The Andover/North Andover chapter of AARP will hold a refresher course on driving defensively in the fall if there is enough interest. For more information, call Charlotte Murphy at 475-3732 or sign up at the center. Eight hours of instruction over a two-day period would cost \$8.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago

Dog days began Tuesday.

Miss Mary A. Hurley has taken the place of Miss Martha Goff as day operator at the telephone exchange.

A new coal shed is being constructed at the Andover Electric Light station, the dimensions of which are 45 by 17 feet.

W.H. Higgins recently sold a pair of fine horses to an out-of-town gentleman and has now at the stable a beautiful, well-mated pair of cobs suitable for family use, which are extra good drivers.

George Lockwood has been engaged as assistant by Charles Murphy the barber.

A.L. Ripley of this place will play in the finals for the President's cup, against Travis in the Shinnecock Hills Club's invitation golf tournament at Southampton, L.I., this week. The finals will be played off tomorrow.

"Dottie" the 20-year-old family horse of Henry McLawlin, died during the night last Friday. The horse had been in the possession of Mr. McLawlin for the past ten years and is thought to have been the last of

the Bean stable animals.

Selectman Goldsmith visited Salem last Monday and found that Poor Street is a country road.

A delightful doorstep party was held by Miss Bessie P. Goldsmith at her home on Elm Street last evening, and the participants enjoyed a most pleasant social time. Vocal solos served to while away the hour, and instrumental music was rendered later in the evening. Light refreshments followed the social time.

50 Years Ago

Evidence of the steady advancement of classes in all phases of swimming was presented last week at the Municipal bathing beach, Pomp's Pond, by the weekly report of instructors in charge. Life-guard Henry Curry submitted a list of his charges in beginner's swimming who have already passed their swimming tests, and anticipates a similar graduation in another week or so.

Free tonic, ice cream and candy combined with a program of sports and games made the annual playground outing at Canobie Lake park

Tuesday one of the most exciting days in the lives of the 260 youngsters who attended. Assembling at the various town playgrounds in the morning, they piled into five buses for a joyous ride to the New Hampshire park.

Merchants of Andover are joining in an effort to present two exceptional Value Days here Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30, which will long be remembered by all shoppers who take advantage of the occasion. All merchants who are cooperating in the big two-day event are wholeheartedly endeavoring to offer values that will make it well worthwhile to set aside at least a few hours for shopping on one of these Value Days.

The average weekly earnings of Andover industrial workers was up 8.8 percent for the week ending nearest June 15 as compared with the similar week in May. The total wages paid according to the payrolls of nine manufacturing establishments here compiled by the division of statistics of the state department of labor and industries was up .3 percent while there was a slight decrease in employment.

25 Years Ago

The House Judiciary Committee has completed its hearings and debate, and has recommended three articles of impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon. And, for Andover's Congressman Paul W. Cronin, it's time for study of the evidence. The freshman congressman from his Washington office this week gave no indication as to how he will vote when the ultimate decision is to be made in the full House, maintaining what he has been stating consistently on the impeachment matter - that he will carry out his role, equivalent to that of a grand jury.

The nation's economy ills to the contrary, Andover seems to be maintaining its favorable address, according to building statistics for the first six months of 1974. While inflation, mortgage fund availability and high interest rates continue to be a problem, Andover's building rate has remained at about the same level as a year ago.

The Andover Chamber of Commerce's Retail Division announces that Friday and

Saturday, Aug. 2 and 3, the Andover Flea Market Days will transform Main Street into the biggest sale days of the season. Local organizations and citizens are urged to dig out all "the old stuff" from attics and garages for this event. Chairman of the Flea Market Days, Paul J. Gmyrek said "Don't leave that stuff lying around gathering dust, bring it down to Main Street and collect dollars for your unwanted items." On sale will be anything from pots and pans to knick-knacks.

10 Years Ago

A hearing to decide the fate of 23 trees lining York Street in Shawsheen Square will be held Monday. The trees would make way for new sidewalks, curbs and street paving proposed as part of a \$750,000 Community Development Action Grant project for the Shawsheen area. York Street residents are questioning the need to uproot the trees, saying that they would prefer the scenic trees to new sidewalks.

It will cost the School Committee an estimated \$2.16 mil-

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**Emma Katherine
Bartle**

Emma Katherine Bartle was born July 27, 1998. Her parents are David and Megan Bartle of Acton. Grandparents are Jack and Pat Kiley of Wolfeboro, N.H., formerly of Andover, and Dick and Priscilla Bartle of Andover. Emma loves the water and is shown relaxing on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee.



**Gillian Louise
Connors**

Gillian Louise Connors was born July 5, 1998. Her parents are Kevin Connors and Marylou Grasso of 56 Carmel Road. Grandparents are George Connors of Andover and Emily Grasso of Lawrence. Gillian loves to laugh, take daily walks into town and try to keep up with her sister, Emily Margaret, 2½.



**Jameson
Salzano**

Jameson Salzano, son of Gianmarco and Tricia (Midolo) Salzano turned 1 year old July 27. His grandparents are Alfred and Duane Salzano of New Jersey and Jim and Fran Johnson of Andover. His great-grandmother is Almeda Kehoe of Andover. "Jameson loves his dog, Lenny, and enjoys spending time at the beach, especially eating the sand."



**Bryce Samuel
Corbitt**

Bryce Samuel Corbitt was born July 30, 1998. His parents are Jeff and Sheila Corbitt of 477 South Main St. Grandparents are Ralph and Joyce Corbitt of Methuen and Eleanor Sullivan of Lexington. Bryce loves to play in his pool and on his swing. He especially loves his pet dogs and cats, and is very ticklish.



**Kileigh Jean
Patrick**

Kileigh Jean Patrick was born July 31, 1998. Her parents are Michael and Laura Patrick of Sutherland Street. Grandparents are Anthony and Jean Servello of Andover and Gerald and Jean Patrick of Burlington, Mass. Great-grandparents are Geraldine Henrathy of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Anna Servello of Kingston, Pa.



**Sophie
Curtin**

Sophie Curtin celebrated her first birthday July 22. Her parents are Marc and Barbara Curtin of Abbot Street. Grandparents are Denis and Mary Demarche and Thomas and Violet Curtin, all of Andover. Sophie has two brothers, Nicholas and Noah.



**Michael Vincent
Comeau**

Michael Vincent Comeau celebrated his first birthday with a bang on the 4th of July. He is the son of Peter and Susan Comeau of Andover. Grandparents are Joe and Joan Comeau and Vin and Margie Hourihan, all of Andover. He has two great-grandmothers: Frances (GG) Hourihan of Andover and Lucy Colbert of Lawrence. Mikey loves trying to keep up with his 4-year-old brother, Joey, and 3-year-old sister, Courtney.



**Maxwell Crosby
Currie**

Maxwell Crosby Currie celebrates his first birthday July 29. He is the son of David and Susan Currie of 56 Cheever Circle and little brother to Hannah, 3. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pallotta of Malden and Rosemary Currie of Geneva, N.Y. Max is an energetic little guy who spends his days playing with his sister, chasing his cat, Madison, and watching his airplanes fly over his swimming pool. His favorite time of day is meal-time.



**Eve Rachel
Gertzman**

Eve Rachel Gertzman was born July 15, 1998. She is the daughter of Carole Balin and Michael Gertzman of New York City. Grandparents are Marcia and Ted Balin of Andover and Gloria and Arthur Gertzman of Stony Point, N.Y. Eve is a happy, beautiful little girl who smiles all the time, loves her brother, Nathaniel, 3, and explores everything with a great deal of interest.



**Joshua Sol
Turner**

Joshua Turner celebrated his first birthday July 3. Joshua is the son of Dr. Ian Turner and Dr. Rachel Perlitsh of Rose Glen Drive and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Max Perlitsh of Winchester. He loves playing in the yard and splashing in the water. "Joshua is always smiling and laughing and wide-eyed with wonder at all his new abilities and discoveries. He has just started walking and is always on the go. Joshua brings us great joy and we wish him a wonderful birthday year."



**Jarrett Thomas
Amirault**

◀ Jarrett Thomas Amirault celebrated his first birthday July 23. His parents are Evamarie Flower and Tom Amirault. Grandparents are Jeannette and Eugene Flower of Bronx, N.Y., and Pat and Louie Amirault of Essex. Great-grandmother is Evelyn Flower of Brooksville, Fla., who also shares the same birthday. Jarrett loves all animals, especially his cats, Mouse and Kody-Bear. His favorite activities include climbing, laughing and playing with his big brother, Julian.

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY ~ 1999 key dates ~	
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OBITUARIES

Janet D. Lake

First woman selectman here

Janet Dinsmore Lake, 75, of Murrells Inlet, S.C., died July 26 at home after an illness.

Mrs. Lake was born in Jersey City, N.J.

She married Herbert T. Lake in 1943 and lived in various places in the United States as a Navy wife for 15 years. After her husband retired from the Navy in 1958, she moved to Andover where she lived for 29 years. She helped organize the senior citizens program, was director of an organization for the blind, and was the first woman selectman elected in Andover's history.

The accomplished pianist, artist and writer wrote a weekly column on senior activities in the *Andover Townsman* for 20 years.

She and her husband moved to South Carolina in 1987 and traveled extensively throughout the world. She wrote a column for the Senior Page of *The Sun News* for several years, was a member of the Horry County Literacy Council and taught students, especially English as a second language.

Besides her husband, members of her family include her daughter, Pamela Kiesel of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; son, H. Tucker Lake Jr. of Whitehouse Station, N.J.; sister, Elizabeth Follansbee of East Greenwich, R.I.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 10:30 a.m. A service will also be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Georgetown Inc., 2591 North Fraser St., Georgetown, SC 29440; or to Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Mariem G. Grange

Lived here for 25 years

Mariem Gail Grange, 80, of Exeter, N.H., died Monday, July 26, at Seacoast Health Center in Hampton, N.H.

Mrs. Grange was born in Jefferson, Iowa.

She lived in Andover for 25 years before she and her husband retired to Sanford, N.C.

She was active in the elderly housing in Exeter and was a volunteer at Exeter Hospital.

Members of her family include her daughters and sons-in-law, Gail G. and Lynn Johnson of North Conway, N.H., and Susan J. and Jack Mitchell of Brentwood, N.H.; son and daughter-in-law, Douglas R. and Tina Grange of Methuen; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and two step-grandchildren.

She was the widow of Robert Grange, who died in 1993.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Brewitt Funeral Home, 14 Pine St., Exeter, N.H.

A memorial service will be held today, Thursday, July 29, at 2 p.m. from the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Gail Singer Memorial Building, 360 Route 101, Suite 501, Bedford, NH 03110-5032.

Mary J. McKeon

Retired from Tyer Rubber

Mary J. McKeon, 91, of Andover died Friday, July 23, at St. Francis Home in Laconia, N.H.

Ms. McKeon was born and educated in Ballardvale and Andover.

She retired from Tyer Rubber Co. Ms. McKeon was a member of St. Augustine Church and Catholic Daughters of America.

Members of her family include her cousins, Edna Hackett of Andover, John McKeon of Centerville and Evelyn Elston of Belmont, N.H., and friends, Joan Morrison and family of Bristol, N.H., and Edward McCarthy and family of Danvers.

She was the daughter of the late Martin and Anne (McGovern) McKeon and sister of the late Grace McKeon.

A funeral Mass was said Tuesday at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Jennie P. Olsen

Enjoyed making rugs and dresses, and dancing

Jennie Patricia (McNally) Olsen, 78, of Andover died Wednesday, July 21, at Hale Hospital in Haverhill.

Mrs. Olsen was born and educated in Lawrence.

She attended St. Mary Church in Lawrence.

The homemaker enjoyed making rugs and dresses, and dancing.

Members of her family include her husband, Theodore G. Olsen of Andover; son and daughter-in-law, Michael T. and Mary McNally of Skiatook, Okla.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Friday at John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc. in Lawrence. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, also in Lawrence.

Margaret N. Ryan

Moved to Kansas in 1997

Margaret N. (Bloomer) Ryan, 89, of Overland Park, Kansas, died Sunday, July 25.

Mrs. Ryan was born in London, England, one of 12 children born to John and Catherine (McMenamy)

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Mary M. White, 86

Richard F. White, 62

Harold B. Wright, 78

Deaths Elsewhere

DEISZ — Albert George Deisz, 85, of West Harwich died Friday, July 16 at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis.

Members of his family include his daughter, Penny Majike, and granddaughter, Kathryn Majike, both of Andover.

HARVEY — Alphonsine E. (Guimond) Harvey, 92, of Hampstead, N.H., died Saturday, July 24, at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, N.H.

Members of her family include her sister, Rita Damp-housse of Andover.

WHITE — Richard F. White, 62, of Haverhill died Tuesday, July 20, at Huggins Hospital in Wolfsboro, N.H.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Robert M. and Carol White of Andover.

WRIGHT — Harold Bell Wright, 78, of Lansing, Mich., died Sunday, July 18, at Lansing Memorial Hospital.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Martha Wright of Andover.

Bloomer.

She was a resident of Andover before she moved to Kansas to be near her son and his family.

Mrs. Ryan was employed by the Greater Boston Credit Bureau before she retired.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church and the Catholic Daughters of America.

Members of her family include a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret Eileen and Ryan Carbin of Austin, Texas; sons James Joseph Ryan Jr. of Lawrence, John Patrick Ryan of Overland Park, Kans., and his wife, Lois

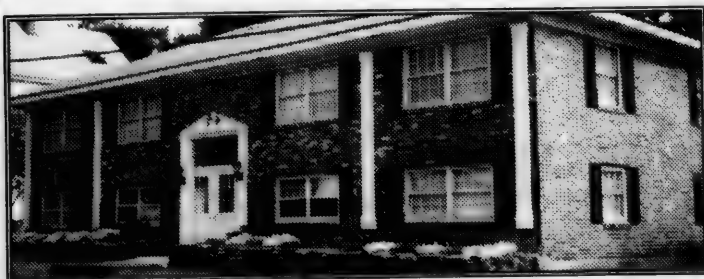
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OBITUARIES

Margaret N. Ryan

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Ryan, and Joseph Francis Ryan of Shrewsbury and his wife, Catherine Ryan; sister, Sr. Mary Gabriel OSM of Bognor Regis, England; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of James J. Ryan.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church on Essex Street. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Calling hours are scheduled for Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Charles Dewhirst, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St.

Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Daughters of America, St. Augustine's Parish, Andover.

Mina M. Webster Longtime resident emigrated from Scotland

Mina M. Webster, 95, died Sunday, July 18, at Sierra Winds Retirement Home in Peoria, Ariz.

Mrs. Webster was born in Thornliebank, Scotland, the

youngest of nine children of Samuel and Margaret Muirhead.

She emigrated to this country in 1920 with her parents.

Mrs. Webster was a longtime resident of Andover. In later years she spent summers in Round Pond, Maine, and winters in Scottsdale and Peoria, Ariz.

Mrs. Webster served for long periods of time with the Lawrence YWCA, the International Institute, and Lawrence General Hospital, where served for more than a decade on the board of trustees. She was first president of the Aid Association, known today as Lawrence General Hospital Auxiliary. She was chairman of the Greater Lawrence Hungarian refugee relocation committee in the late 1950s, and spearheaded the effort that brought more than 100 Hungarian refugees to the Lawrence area, finding homes and jobs for them and assisting them in adjusting to life in this country.

Members of her family include her son, Dean Webster of Kennebunkport, Maine; daughter, Joan Post of Burlingame, Calif.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was the widow of Dean K. Webster Jr.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Lawrence General Hospital, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Mary M. White Longtime resident of Ballardvale

Mary M. (Marion) White, 86, of Andover died Tuesday, July 20, at Lawrence General Hospital.

The longtime resident of Ballardvale was born and educated in Wilmington schools.

She worked at the former Tyer Rubber Co. before she retired.

Mrs. White was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her sons and daughters-in-law, Arthur and Jan White of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Donald and Donna White of Livonia, Mich.; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Raymond Reed of Seabrook Island, S.C.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Arthur White and mother of the late Evelyn Murnane.

A funeral Mass was said Saturday in St. Augustine Church. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst, Edgerly & Bessom Funeral Home.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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lion to comply with a federal regulation banning asbestos from school buildings. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act requires every public and private school to identify asbestos containing materials in their buildings and to submit a plan to the state on how the problem will be handled. Andover has identified asbestos in all eight of its schools.

The Board of Selectmen couldn't agree on how to establish a policy on drawing up a policy manual. All four selectmen agree on the need to document past precedent, but they split on how

binding such a policy manual should be.

Subcommittee members examining the usage of the Collins Community Center by the community is finding that the community seldom uses the facility. The community usage task force discovered that in the last 10 months, community usage of the center has been minimal. Jan Burkholder said that in the next few weeks she will try to contact local community groups and try to determine their interest in using the Collins Center.

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Rockwell

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He moved on to more conventional athletics as an avid tennis player, playing in many sanctioned doubles tournaments in the 1950s and 1960s, attaining Top 10 New England and National men's rankings several times.

Yet the playing courts were not the limit for this motivated player and administrator.

Rockwell also ran the popular Essex County Tennis Tournament along with his family members for over 40 years. He also served on numerous tennis committees in his lifetime, including the New England Executive and Junior Development Committees.

His success as an administrator led to prestige, as he received many awards for his dedication to tennis in New England.

Among them were the 1963 New England Lawn Tennis Association Gardner Ward Chase Memorial Bowl for his outstanding contributions to tennis, and the 1994 United States Tennis Association Award in honor of his lifelong dedication to the development of tennis in New England.

Rockwell's success as a scholar and businessman were just as great as his athletic accomplishments.

He was a graduate of many prestigious schools, including the Middlesex School, Harvard Business School and Boston College Law School.

He sat on the board at Davis and Furber in

North Andover, and owned and operated Barnaby's Steak House in North Conway, N.H., for 30 years.

Memorial services were held last week at Trinitarian Congregational Church, of which he was a member. The memorial service was followed by burial of ashes at Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover, MA 01845.



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Business

Business briefs ...

Gray seeks to attract entrepreneurs

In an effort to attract the unprecedented numbers of entrepreneurs taking advantage of a booming economy, Willis Gray, of Andover, president of Highland-March Executive Suites at Cummings Center, Beverly, is trying to make it easier for new business owners to set up shop.

Gray, who has been in business for 16 years, provides a professional office setting that can make a small or new company look impressive. Highland-March furnishes services ranging from secretarial to videoconferencing to executive office space, for fledgling or established businesses.

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For an additional \$100 a month, a business is entitled to eight hours of conference room use per month, and an operator to take calls from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every business day. Voice mail is included, allowing 24-hour remote access to messages. An executive plan includes all the above, plus two hours of secretarial service per month and photocopy services.

"The staff will also work with any business owner for a custom plan," said Gray.

Cummings Center's location, off Route 128, is, "just 25 minutes north of Boston, brand new, and very accessible," says Gray, adding that there are also ancillary onsite services, including dry cleaners, a gift shop, banks, a postal annex, travel agents, health-care providers, day care, and restaurants. North Shore Athletic Club is also onsite.

In addition to its furnished 25,000 square feet of executive office space and long-distance videoconferencing, direct Internet service is provided throughout Cummings Center.

Gray says his clients, "can begin a meeting across the country or around the globe in the time it takes to dial the phone. You can hold a group meeting, interview a candidate, or take a deposition."

Videoconferencing is available 24 hours a day, for convenience in any time zone. The firm features state-of-the-art PictureTel Venue 2000 equipment, in conference rooms able to accommodate 10 to 12 people. Catering is also available.

Highland-March also maintains facilities in Braintree.

For more information on Highland-March's services, check the Web at www.highland-march.com; or e-mail: grayw@highland-march.com

Real World adds four new employees

Real World, a technology trading company in Andover, announced the recent addition of four new employees to its domestic work force. They are: John Ward, director of transportation and logistics; Tracey Bosma, new business development; Maria Arena, IC commodity buyer; and Wendy Branstion, OEM sales representative.

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Local Web firm takes off fast

When Andover's Engage Technologies, an Internet marketing firm, went public a week ago Tuesday, those who bought in at the beginning of the day were rewarded handsomely just a few hours later.

An investor who bought a couple hundred shares at the opening price of \$15 had nearly tripled that \$3,000 investment by the end of the day, when it closed at 41, up 273 percent.

In the words of Tom Barth, Engage's director of investor relations, "to say we weren't pumped would be a misstatement."

[Yesterday, Wednesday, at *Townsmen* press-time, Engage (NASDAQ: ENGA) opened at 26.]

For those who monitor the wild world of Internet investment, the explosive takeoff was not a major surprise.

First, at four years old (it was founded in July 1995), Engage is rather mature in comparison to startups that go public or are snapped up for sometimes hundreds of millions of dollars less than two years after they are born. In other words, the company already has something of a track record.

Barth says that is partially because, "it took a while to build the technology. We wanted to ensure that it was in place."

Second, one of the cofounders of Engage is David Wetherell, whose name is becoming increasingly familiar well beyond Andover as the CEO of CMGI, the Andover Internet investment firm with ownership interest in about 40 Web companies. Wetherell recently gained some major media exposure earlier this year for blocking a proposed deal by USA Networks to acquire the Waltham-based search engine company Lycos Inc.

CMGI remains the majority owner of Engage, at 82 percent, and its interest in a company is now apparently a signal to investors that it is a good risk.

Third, the company apparently has a product that is of substantial interest to those who are looking for more effective ways to advertise in the vast reaches of cyberspace.

While the amount of commerce being conducted on the Web is growing almost exponentially, that sheer volume can make it difficult for Web sellers to find the people who want to buy their products.

That is where Engage comes in, offering a database of more than 30 million potential customers whose interests have been cataloged according to their "click-stream" behavior on the Web. And company spokesman Kathleen Kreis says Engage does it all without invading the privacy of the potential customers.

"There is no personal information. We don't collect any information on race, medical history or things like that," she says, adding that company cofounder Dan Jaye, now its chief technology officer, is "extremely committed to protecting consumer's privacy."

Indeed, according to company literature, Jaye, 34, is a participant in the Platform for Privacy Project (P3P) at the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and is a co-author of the P3P Protocol Specification that puts users in control of their personal information.

"We don't really need that kind of personal information anyway," she says, "for what we provide."

Still, the amount of information Engage software can collect on one's Web surfing habits can be a bit unnerving. The company's software assigns a num-



Jaye — Company is committed to Web user privacy.

ber to a person who visits a Web site owned by a client.

"If you're on Lycos, for example, we're building a profile, based on your behavior," Kreis says, adding this "click-stream behavior" is a much better predictor of a person's interests than what he or she may say about themselves in a questionnaire.

Then, if that person visits another Web site of an Engage client, the client can instantly get the behavior profile of that person, and "offer highly personalized online information," in Kreis's words.

According to company press information, available at its Web site www.engage.com, the profiles are used by "Engage-enabled Web sites to offer you (the anonymous user) personalized content and promotions, and to target relevant, more interesting ads, all without knowing your identity."

In other words, if your profile shows that you're interested in travel, you'd be more likely to see an ad about a cruise to Alaska than somebody whose major Web activity is playing online games.

And for an advertiser, it's a bit like a dream come true, where the ad or promotion is aimed only at people who have already demonstrated an interest in the product.

That, Barth says, will continue to be the mission of the company. "Our goal," he says, is to make sure that the profiles we have are continually enriched and continually accurate."

Engage employs about 115 at its Brickstone Square headquarters in Andover, but also has offices in San Francisco and Redwood Shores, Calif., Chicago, Dallas, New York, London and Japan. The company employs more than 240 worldwide.

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BUSINESS

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As director of transportation and logistics, Ward will be responsible for managing Real World's inventory warehouse and overseeing the traffic of approximately \$4 million worth of products per week. He also will be responsible for establishing and maintaining relationships with Real World's supply chain logistic partners. Ward will use his warehouse management experience to ensure inventory management, special ser-

vices and distribution for clients.

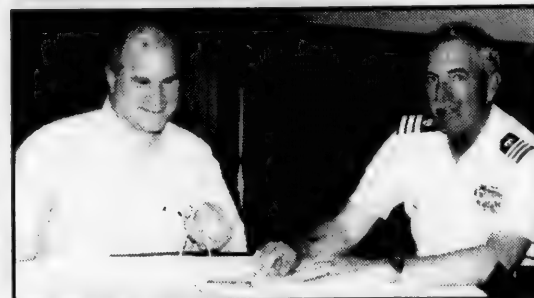
Bosma, part of Real World's new business development department, will be responsible for identifying leads and developing relationships for Real World within the franchised distribution industry. Prior to joining Real World, she worked at franchise distributor Marshall Electronics.

As part of its initiative to expand its IC capabilities and offerings to its customers, Real World has hired Arena as IC commodity buyer. She will be responsible for identifying and developing new sources for IC products.

Branston joins the sales department, where she will work with major OEMs to develop a buy/sell relationship. She will be responsible for communicating with her customers to identify parts requirements and market information. Branston also will be responsible for developing additional channels to supply Real World with excess inventory from her customers.

Founded in 1981 and headquartered in Andover, with offices in the U.S. and Korea, Real World provides products and services to help companies manage electronics procurement. Working directly with the

world's largest OEMs, CEMs, systems integrators and VARs, Real World offers products in four commodity categories: CPUs, memory, semiconductors and storage devices.



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Shiff completes navigation course

Andover resident Kenneth Shiff (left) received a certificate for successfully completing the Basic Coastal Navigation course taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Working with Shiff during a charting exercise is Danversport Flotilla instructor Brian McMahon (right). The six-lesson course was held at the Reading VFW.

The course was produced by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to provide boaters with a unique and excellent combination of coastal navigation, nautical charts, piloting, and other subjects that help them become a more proficient boater. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of volunteers and is non-profit, and its mission is to promote safety on the waterways of the United States.

McLellan commissioned as ensign in Navy

Navy Ensign John M. McLellan, a 1983 graduate of Andover High School, recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

McLellan received instruction on specialized subjects, including navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management during the 13-week-long training program. He also completed a demanding daily physical fitness program that involved running, swimming and calisthenics.

OCS graduate received leadership training and instruction on the importance of the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment — and how their meaning impacts the personal and professional conduct of the men and women serving in the Navy around the world.

McLellan joined the Navy in November 1985.

Daher's contributes to American Cancer Society

Daher's Shoes prelude night to its big sale at Old Town Hall was held the evening of June 17. The American Cancer Society received a check in the amount of \$2,474.

The money was raised through a donation at the door in exchange for being able to shop on prelude night.

Lillian Shaheen, president of the American Cancer Society, and Donna Shappy were on hand to represent the American Cancer Society and distribute information on the society.

Daher's Shoes has locations in Andover, Methuen and Salem, N.H.

Little League All-Stars edge Chelmsford, 11-10 in wild championship game

By Rick Harrison

TEWKSBURY — Tim Hughes belted a two-run double off the base of the center field fence in the bottom of the seventh inning, chasing home Tom Arrigg and Matt Renfro with the tying and winning runs, as the Andover American Major 11-12 All-Stars edged Chelmsford Lupien, 11-10, in a wild District 14 Little League Tournament

championship game at Poulin Field.

The hard-hitting game featured eight home runs and seven doubles, with seven of the homers by Chelmsford and six of the doubles by Andover.

Following the post-game awards ceremony at home plate, the Andover players took a triumphant victory lap around Poulin Field with the District 14 championship banner in tow.

The come-from-behind victory enabled Andover to win its first district title since 1991, as the Americans went through the 18-team double-elimination tourney undefeated at 5-0.

That 1991 district championship ended a string of six straight for Andover, the Nationals winning in 1986, 1987 and 1988 and the Americans in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Since 1991 Tewksbury teams have dominated the District 14 Major 11-12 Division, with Haverhill also winning once.

Next up for the locals

is a best-of-3 bi-district series against District 13 champ Stoneham American.

This year, for the first time, the best-of-3 series replaces the single-elimination format at the bi-district level.

The opening game was last night, after Townsman presstime, at Poulin Field.

Game two is tomorrow at Weafer Park in Woburn (5:30). If a third game is necessary it will be Saturday at a time and site to be determined.

The bi-district winner has a best-of-3 sectional series at Poulin next Monday through Wednesday, and that survivor advances to the four-team Massachusetts State Tournament in Leominster.

The state champ moves to the Eastern Regionals in Bristol, Conn., and the regional winner to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. the third week of August.

In 1988, the Andover Nationals became one of

the few Massachusetts teams ever to make it all the way to Williamsport.

"Winning the district was a bit of a surprise," said Andover manager Dan Hughes. "It seemed like a long shot at the beginning, but it became more of a reality with each win because the kids were playing so well."

"It's hard to say how good we are or how far we'll go. We play good defense and we hit the ball well."

"We haven't hit a lot of home runs. We're line drive hitters. The Tewksbury field is small in comparison to most Little League fields (approximately 185 feet) and that could hurt us against a power-hitting team."

"From what I was told, a few of the Chelmsford (Lupien) homers were pop flies that barely cleared the fence," said Hughes, who was in Chicago on a business trip the night of the title game (the reins were placed in the capable hands of coach Kevin

Rourke). "At our field (Deyermund) they probably would have been outs."

"I didn't get a chance to see Stoneham play but they apparently don't score a lot of runs. They won the district final 4-2."

"When you get to this point pitching depth and luck are even more important," said Hughes. "It would be nice to have a few more studs like that 1988 Andover National team (Toby Guzowski, Rick Saggese, Paul Allard, Brian Flanagan). They had some real horsers."

Jim Arnold, manager of A-N's Williamsport wagon, agreed.

"You have to be both good and lucky. We definitely had some tremendous players, and we had the luck of the draw quite a few times," said Arnold while watching the Americans in a recent district game.

"Several times along the way (A-N went 16-1 prior to the World Series) we drew a first-round bye or had our top pitchers (Guzowski and Saggese

were co-aces) matched up against the opponent's No. 2 or 3 kid."

"It's been great so far," said Hughes. "Whatever happens from here it's already been a fun ride."

In the seesaw district final against Lupien, Andover led 3-2 after one inning, 5-4 after two and 7-4 after three.

Chelmsford tied it 7-7 with three runs in the fourth, and the rivals traded single runs in the fifth and sixth to force extra innings.

Bobby Brown belted his second homer of the game, and the team's sixth, leading off the seventh to give Lupien a 10-9 lead.

But Arrigg and Renfro launched the bottom of the seventh by reaching on consecutive errors, the fourth and fifth misplays of the game by jittery Chelmsford.

Both runners advanced on Shaun Hannigan's infield out, setting the stage for Hughes' long double which eluded

the centerfielder's outstretched glove — and banged off the fence.

A strong relay throw to the plate trying to nail Renfro had enough distance — but was well up the first base line.

"It was the greatest Little League game I've ever been a part of," said Chelmsford assistant coach Mark Trainor.

Lupien took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Andover starting pitcher Hannigan hit Matt Tremblay with a pitch and Brown lofted his first homer down the right field line.

The Americans bounced back with three runs in the bottom half. Hannigan drilled a one-out double down the right field line, Hughes walked and Matt Hennessey hammered the lone Andover homer to right-center.

A two-out infield error, Andover's only miscue of the game, was followed by the first of leadoff batter Bobby Gill's three straight homers as Lupien regained a 4-3 lead

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of LOUISE B. McQUESTON, CYRIL G. KEANE, and JOY B. KOZAK, Trustees of the Louise B. McQueston Family Trust, 65 Walnut Avenue, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law to subdivide an existing parcel into two (2) parcels, neither of which will meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 65 WALNUT AVENUE and 15 CARMEL ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 21 as Lots 26 & 28.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, August 10, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application submitted by Nortel Networks for a Site Plan Special Permit to allow for the alteration/renovation of more than 40% of the gross floor area to the existing 75,858 square foot facility located at 6 Riverside Drive, more specifically identified as assessors map 125, parcel 1. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Premises affected are located at 18 Fosters Pond Road, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 122 as Lot 10.

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By-Law and for a special permit under Article VIII, Section IV.B.46 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the parking of a commercial vehicle in the residential district.

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Premises affected are located at 37 OLD COUNTY ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 83 as Lot 51.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jeffrey S. Shapiro and Joanne Shapiro to Exeter Banking Company dated July 31, 1986, and recorded with the Essex North Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 40912, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 9276, of which mortgage the undersigned Citizens Bank New Hampshire, 1/k/a First NH Bank, Successor-by-Merger to Exeter Banking Company, is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 o'clock, a.m. on the 26th day of August, 1999, said mortgaged premises being known as 25 Mohawk Road, Andover, Essex County, MA, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

the land in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by the southerly line of Mohawk Road, eighty (80) feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by lot one hundred twenty-six (126) as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned three hundred ninety-six and 2/100 (396.02) feet;
SOUTHERLY by lot one hundred fifteen (115) on said plan two hundred twenty-five (225) feet; and
WESTERLY by lot one hundred twenty-four (124) on said plan three hundred eighty-three and 97/100 (383.97) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on Plan No. 1711Y, Sheet 3, drawn by Raymond C. Pressey, Inc., Surveyors, dated July 19, 1968, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 6721, Book 45, Page 285, and being designated as lot one hundred twenty-five (125) thereon.

There is appurtenant to the above described land the right to use the streets and ways shown on said plan for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Andover.

Together with the benefit of an Easement filed with the Essex North Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 33903, and further subject to a utility easement as set forth in an instrument filed with the Essex North Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 10149.

For title reference see Certificate of Title No. 9276, Book 63, Page 309, filed with the Essex North Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 34928.

Subject to a prior mortgage granted to Home Owners Federal Savings & Loan Association in the original principal amount of \$214,000.00, and filed with the Essex North Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 39781, and assigned by Assignment filed as Document Number 40852. The premises will be sold subject to this senior mortgage.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Said premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, mortgages, liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other public taxes, assessments or liens having priority over the mortgage described herein, if any.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorneys, Devine, Millimet & Branch, Professional Association, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

Terms of Sale: Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash or by certified check at the time and place of sale as earnest money. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified check within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale at the office of Devine, Millimet & Branch, Professional Association, 12 Essex Street, Andover, MA, or such other time as may be designated by Mortgagee. The Deed shall be delivered upon the payment in full of the balance of the purchase price.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at sale.

CITIZENS BANK NEW HAMPSHIRE
present holder of said mortgage,
by its attorney
Michael D. Rosen, Esq.
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Andover, Massachusetts 01810
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Little League All-Stars edge Chelmsford

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in the second.

Andover retaliated again with two more runs in the home half. Zach O'Donnell beat out an infield hit, Renfro singled to center, and everyone was safe on Hannigan's sacrifice bunt/fielder's choice.

O'Donnell scored on Hughes' infield grounder, which forced Renfro at third, and Hannigan scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch.

In the Andover third, Andrew Hennessy beat out an infield roller and pinch-hitter Danny Harrison drilled a double down the right field line.

Hennessy scored on an infield out and

Tom White, who re-entered as a baserunner after Harrison's double, crossed on an error to make it 7-4.

Chelmsford tied it 7-7 in the fourth as catcher Kevin Holland stroked a leadoff single, and back-to-back two-out homers to center by Gill and Matt Tremblay did the damage.

Lupien inched ahead 8-7 in the fifth on a solo homer by Mark Trahan.

Andover pulled even in the bottom half on a leadoff single to center by Andrew Hennessy, and a two-out line drive double off the leftfielder's glove by Renfro.

Gill's third homer, with two outs in the sixth, made it 9-8.

But again the locals responded. Hughes lashed a hustle double that bounced off the

first base bag on its way down the right field line.

Lupien was on the verge of victory when the next two hitters were retired on a grounder to first and popout to second base.

But Matt Iorio, hitless in three previous trips, picked on the first pitch and delivered a clutch game-tying RBI double to center.

He moved to third when Andrew Hennessy reached on an error, but Chelmsford shortstop Tremblay made a fine play on White's sharp grounder to send the game to extras.

Renfro, Hughes, Matt Hennessy and Andrew Hennessy led the 12-hit Andover attack with two safeties each.

Gill (three homers) and Trahan had three hits apiece for Lupien, while Brown and Byrne contributed two each.

Hannigan struck out nine and didn't walk a batter in his six innings of work.

Reliever Craig Lanciani (1-0) pitched the seventh and picked up the victory.

Defensively for Andover, second baseman Iorio handled five chances flawlessly (five assists).

American Legion Old Timers Game to be played Saturday, Aug. 1

The inaugural Andover Post 8 American Legion Old Timers Game will be played this Sunday, Aug. 1 at the Andover High varsity field.

The game will start at 4 p.m. and will match the 1999 Post 8 team, which recently completed an 11-6 season, against a team of Legion alumni.

Any former Legion players interested in participating should be at the field 30 minutes prior to game time, and those wishing more information can call manager Joe Iarrobino at 474-0523.

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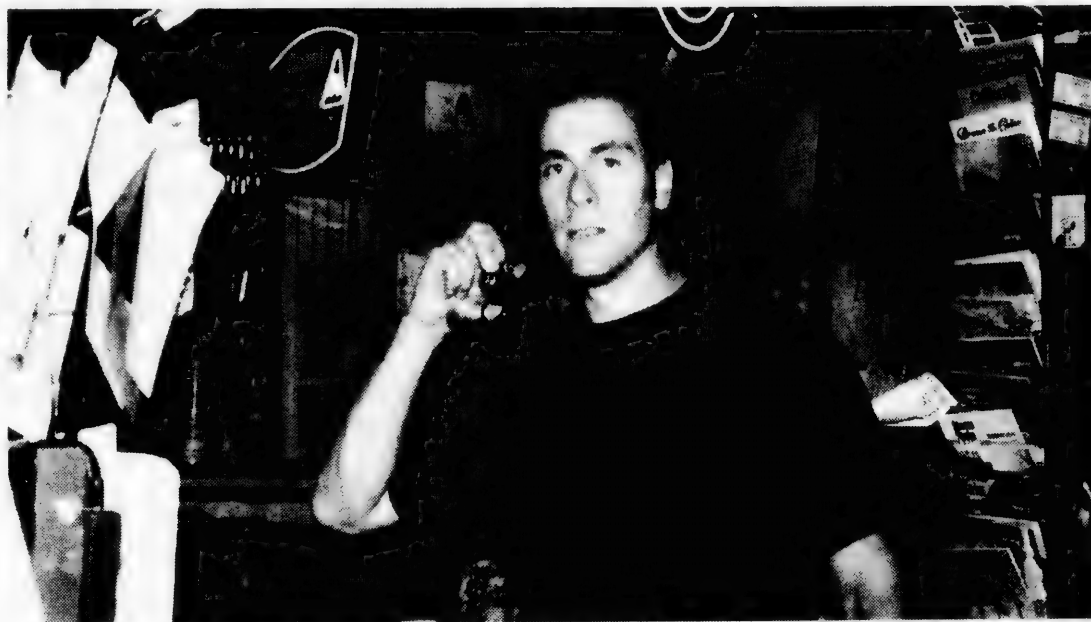
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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of JOHN CHONGRIS, Trustee of 6 Alpine Drive Realty Trust, 129 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section VI.P.5.b. of the Zoning By-Law to allow construction of a single family residence in the Watershed Protection Overlay District.

Premises affected are VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON 6 ALPINE DRIVE Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 190 as Lot 42.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of ROBERT & MARYANN MILLAR, 64 Central Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a covered walkway which renders the existing residence non-conforming.

Premises affected are located at 64 CENTRAL STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 74 as Lot 2.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of DEBORAH ROCKWOOD, 39 Boston Road, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow additions and alterations to an existing non-conforming dwelling.

Premises affected are located at 39 BOSTON ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 83 as Lot 54.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of DAVID BARRETT, 4 Grove Avenue, Wilmington, Ma. for variances from the requirements of Article VIII, Section II.10A and V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and a special permit under

Article VIII, Section VII.A. and VII.B. and/or to allow the demolition of the existing residence and the construction of a single family dwelling which will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 305-307 SO. MAIN STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessor's Map 79 as Lot 29.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage, Security Agreement and Assignment of Leases and Rents given by Marland Place Associates Limited Partnership (the "Mortgagor") to Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (the "Mortgagee") dated August 22, 1995, recorded with Essex North Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 4333, Page 66, as affected by a certain Amendment to Mortgage dated October 29, 1996, recorded with the Registry in Book 4629, Page 9 (as the same may have been further amended, restated, confirmed or modified, the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned, the Mortgagee, is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction (the "Public Auction") commencing at 11:00 a.m. on the 31st day of August, 1999, at 15 Stevens Street, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, being all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage as follows:

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land situated on the north side of Stevens Street and the westerly side of the Shaw-sheen River in the Town of Andover, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a drill hole in a stonebound on the northerly sideline of Stevens Street, at the southwest corner of said lot, thence:

- N 21° 23' 44" W A distance of five hundred seventy-eight and ninety-six hundredths feet (578.96') in two courses, to a point, by land now or formerly McCadden and land now or formerly of Wood Ayer Limited Partnership; thence
- N 32° 14' 24" E A distance of one hundred eleven and sixty-three hundredths feet (111.63') to a drill hole in a stonewall, by land now or formerly Wilkins; thence
- N 31° 47' 10" E A distance of one hundred seventy-nine and twenty hundredths feet (179.20') to a point, by land now or formerly Wilkins and LeVire; thence
- S 78° 39' 20" E A distance of two hundred forty-four and two hundredths feet (244.02') to a drill hole in a stonewall, by land now or formerly LeVire; thence
- S 74° 30' 50" E A distance of seventy-one and forty-four hundredths feet (71.44') to a drill hole in said stonewall; thence
- S 81° 20' 20" E A distance of one hundred sixteen and thirty-four hundredths feet (116.34') to a point; thence
- S 66° 18' 30" E A distance of one hundred thirty-seven and eleven hundredths feet (137.11') to a point, the last (3) courses by land now or formerly the Town of Andover; thence
- Northeasterly A distance of two hundred three feet more or less (203±') to a point, by the centerline of the Shawsheen River; thence
- S 09° 38' 30" E A distance of seventy-five feet and zero hundredths feet (75.00') to a point; thence
- S 57° 14' 37" W A distance of fifty-nine and ninety-six hundredths feet (59.96') to a point; thence
- S 25° 38' 44" W A distance of ninety and fourteen hundredths feet (90.14') to a point; thence
- S 21° 54' 02" W A distance of one hundred eighty-

one and forty hundredths feet (181.40') to a point; thence

N 69° 32' 40" W A distance of twenty and no hundredths feet (20.00') to a point; thence

28° 31' 32" W A distance of thirty-seven and forty-three hundredths feet (37.43') to a point; thence

S 22° 53' 42" W A distance of two hundred thirty-eight and fourteen hundredths feet (238.14') to a point; thence

S 07° 13' 09" W A distance of one hundred seventy three and one hundredths feet (173.01') to a point; thence

S 20° 02' 13" E A distance of forty-five and no hundredths feet (45.00') to a point, the last (9) courses by land now or formerly Wood Ayer Limited Partnership; thence

S 88° 20' 50" W A distance of two hundred thirty and fifty-nine hundredths feet (230.59') to a point; thence

N 85° 29' 10" W A distance of ninety-three and no hundredths feet (93.00') to the point of beginning, the last (2) courses by the northerly sideline of Stevens Street.

The above described land, containing 8.928 acres is shown as Lot 1-E on a plan entitled "Confirmatory Plan of Land in Andover, Massachusetts", dated June 23, 1995, scale 1" = 50' by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and recorded with the Essex North Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 12625.

The above described land has the benefit of the following easements and rights of way:

1. Reservation of flowage rights recorded with said Deeds in Book 288, Page 332.
2. Reservation of right of way of deed of J.P. Stevens Co. recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 774, Page 475.
3. Easement to Lawrence Gas Company to lay, maintain, operate and repair, lines of pipes together with the necessary equipment and appurtenances thereto recorded with said Deeds in Book 857, Page 95, Plan 3498.
4. Reciprocal Easement between Wood Ayer Andover East Limited Partnership, Stanley N. Freedman, Trustee of Caroline Realty Trust, and Marland Place Associates [sic] Limited Partnership, a Massachusetts limited partnership to be recorded herewith."

The premises are to be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, existing encumbrances, and all other claims in the nature of liens, now existing or hereafter arising, having priority over the Mortgage, if any there be. In addition, the premises are sold subject to, and the Mortgage shall be subordinated to:

A. Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency Land Use Restriction Agreement between Marland Place Associates Limited Partnership and Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency dated August 22, 1995, and recorded in the Essex North County Registry of Deeds in Book 4333, Page 110.

B. Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency Disposition Agreement between Marland Place Associates Limited Partnership and Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency dated August 22, 1995, and recorded in the Essex North County Registry of Deeds in Book 4333, Page 122.

C. Notice of Activity and Use Limitation between the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and Marland Place Associates Limited Partnership dated February 23, 1996, and recorded in the Essex North County Registry of Deeds in Book 4441, Page 226.

D. Utility Easement between Massachusetts Electric Company and Marland Place Associates Limited Partnership dated February 31, 1996, and recorded in the Essex North County Registry of Deeds in Book 4473, Page 308.

The premises are also sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIFTY THOUSAND and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) by cash, bank check, treasurer's check, or certified check will be required at the time and place of such sale to qualify as a bidder. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in or within forty-five (45) days

after the date of the Public Auction. The successful bidder(s) shall be required to sign at the Public Auction a Memorandum of Sale containing the above terms and any additional terms announced at the Public Auction. In the event that the successful bidder at the Public Auction shall default under the terms of this Notice or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the Public Auction, the holder of the Mortgage reserves the right, at its election, to take an assignment of the highest bid from such bidder and purchase the premises in its own name or in that of a nominee, or to sell the premises by foreclosure deed to the next highest bidder at the Public Auction or to readvertise and resell the premises at Public Auction.

The holder of the Mortgage reserves the right to postpone this sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the Public Auction and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER



PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 18, the Andover Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 9, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's conference room, third floor, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, to discuss closing a portion of roadway known as Old High Plain Road to vehicular traffic, said portion of roadway located off High Plain Road west of Greenwood Road.

John P. Hess,
Chairman
Andover Board of
Selectmen
July 29 & August 5, 1999

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of BERNADETTE L. LIONETTA, 9 Punchard Avenue, Andover, Ma. for a special permit under Article VIII, Section IV.B.3.a. of the Zoning By-Law to convert an existing single family dwelling to a two-family dwelling.

Premises affected are located at 9 PUNCHARD AVENUE, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 39 as Lot 69.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
July 29 & August 5, 1999

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BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of MICHAEL & KATHLEEN SHEA, 11 Arundel Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of additions and alterations to an existing non-conforming dwelling.

Premises affected are located at 11 ARUNDEL STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 36 as Lot 77.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
July 29 & August 5, 1999

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ANDOVER



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Monday, August 9, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street to discuss the following:

TOWN OF ANDOVER
REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE PARK

The park, bounded by Chestnut Court, Bartlet Street, Whittier Street, Whittier Court, and the Municipal Buildings, is open for the recreational enjoyment of all of the residents of Andover. Citizens are encouraged to use the Park for both quiet enjoyment and active use consistent with the regulations outlined below. The use of The Park for events shall be by permit only. The permits shall be issued by the Board of Selectmen through the Town Manager's Office. An event is defined as a municipal, cultural, educational, religious, social or charitable program, occasion or activity.

Permission for the following events are granted by the Town Manager's Office:

- 1) a wedding or photography session before or after a wedding; 2) day-time activities conducted by the Department of Community Services, other Town departments or a school.

For all other events, the following Rules and Regulations apply:

1. Events in The Park are permitted for one (1) day and shall only take place between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. The clean-up and/or tear-down after an event must be concluded by 11:00 P.M. If additional clean-up is needed, it can begin after 7:00 A.M.
2. Playing of music is permitted but must be at a reasonable volume and cease at 9:00 P.M.
3. If a power generator is used, it must cease at 11:00 P.M. The Town reserves the right to locate the generator so that noise and exhaust issues can be addressed.
4. Portable chemical toilets are not permitted.
5. Trash dumpsters are only allowed by special permit, granted by the Board of Selectmen. They can be located behind the Doherty Middle School in the parking lot by the track. They must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the event or the Town will remove them at the permittee's expense. Any dumpster 6 cubic yards or larger must also be permitted by the Health Division and Fire Department.
6. Permit holders shall be responsible for cleaning and restoring the entire area and dispose of trash/litter off the premises.
7. Permit holders shall not obstruct or cause to obstruct public ways, fire lanes or egress of emergency equipment. Parking of vehicles or placement of rides or amusements are not permitted on the grass.
8. The use of alcoholic beverages in The Park is not permitted.
9. Permit holders are responsible for compliance with the parking rules and regulations established for the streets and municipal parking lots in the area of The Park.
10. Permit holders of events permitted by the Board of Selectmen must notify direct abutters of The Park with written notice within two (2) weeks of the approval of the permit.
11. Amusement devices (carnival rides) in The Park or adjacent municipal parking lots are not allowed except by Special Permit of the Board of Selectmen. If a carnival is permitted by the Board of Selectmen, the organization must comply with the requirements of:

- Police Department
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- Health Division
- Department of Public Works
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To receive a Special Permit, an organization must apply to the Town Manager's Office four (4) months prior to the event. The Board of Selectmen will notify the abutters and abutters to the abutters of The Park,

place an advertisement in *The Andover Townsman* twice prior to the hearing date, hold a public hearing to consider the request and issue a decision within three (3) weeks of the hearing. The applicant must pay \$200.00 to cover the cost of the notices, advertising and processing.

If unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be received in the Town Manager's Office.

THE ANDOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
John P. Hess, Chairman

July 29 & August 5, 1999

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by CHRISTOPHER P. BODGE to GreenPoint Mortgage Corp, dated December 5, 1997 and recorded in Essex County (North District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4912, Page 320, of which mortgage GreenPoint Mortgage Corp is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Henderson Avenue, Andover, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on August 26, 1999, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon and bounded:

Beginning at an iron pipe on the westerly side of a proposed street (now known as Henderson Avenue), said iron pipe being one hundred twelve and 52/100 feet north of a stone bound on the westerly side of said proposed street at or near the intersection of Central street; thence running

WESTERLY one hundred sixty-seven and 63/100 feet to an iron pipe at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Kerr; thence in a NORTHERLY direction seventy-four and 71/100 feet by land now or formerly of Fuller to a stone bound; thence still NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Fuller eleven and 13/100 feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of Henderson; thence in an EASTERLY direction by said Henderson land one hundred sixty-five and 35/100 feet to an iron pipe on the westerly side of said proposed street; thence in a SOUTHERLY direction eighty-five and 71/100 feet along the westerly side of said proposed street to the point of beginning. Containing 14270 square feet. Said premises are shown as Lot No. 15 on plan entitled "Plan of Section No. 2 of Henderson Acres, Andover, Mass. Owner Alex Henderson, Engineer Ralph B. Brasseur, C.E., July 1952," said plan being recorded in the North District of Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 2810.

Said premises are conveyed subject to restrictions of record, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

Being the same premises conveyed to Christopher P. Bodge by deed of Toni D.B. Shearston dated February 1, 1991, deed of Christopher P. Bodge, Executor dated September 17, 1991, deed of Carmen B. Goodman dated June 26, 1992 and deed of Colin M. Bodge dated July 2, 1992, all recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 3215, Page 236, Book 3338, Page 149, Book 3504, Page 336, and Book 3504, Page 337, respectively.

The above premises will be sold subject to all taxes, assessments, and other encumbrances which may constitute a prior lien thereon, and will be conveyed subject to any easements, restrictions of record, tenancies, and rights of redemption for unpaid federal taxes, if any as shall, notwithstanding this provision, constitute valid liens or encumbrances thereon after said sale.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's check, or certified check in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder and will be required to be paid as a deposit by the successful bidder; successful bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Partridge, Snow & Hahn LLP, 180 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

GreenPoint Mortgage Corp
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By Its Attorneys,
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July 29, August 5 & 12, 1999

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of THE BRICKSTONE COMPANIES, 200 Brickstone Square, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section VI.B.3.e of the Zoning By-Law and for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VI.B.2.e. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the placement of signs that do not meet dimensional and locational requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

Premises affected are located at 50 MINUTEMAN ROAD THROUGH 500 MINUTEMAN ROAD, Andover, Ma. in an Industrial D District and is shown on Assessor's Map 165 as Lots 4, 4A, 4B and 4C; Map 187 as Lots 6 and 6A; and Map 188 as Lot 5C.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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BOARD OF APPEALS
July 29 & August 5, 1999

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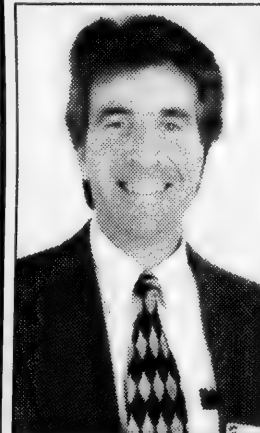
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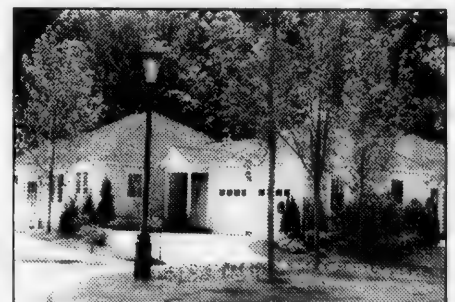
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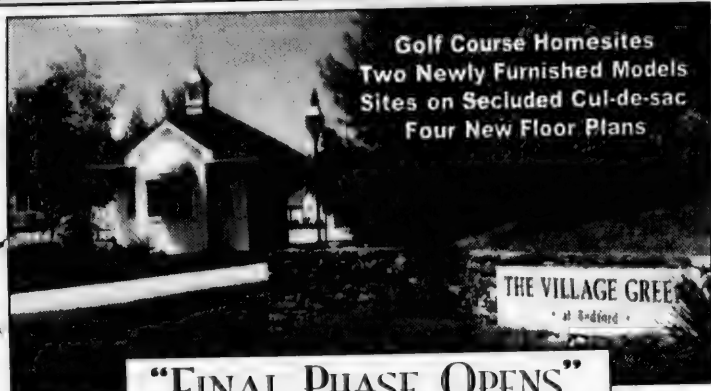
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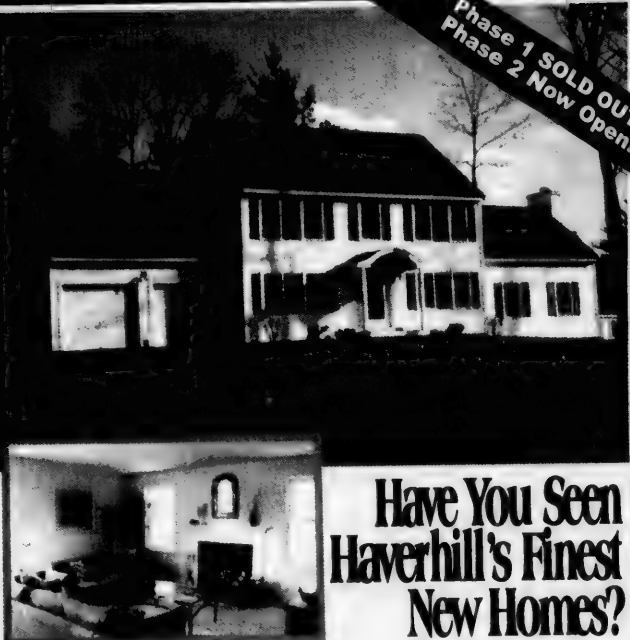
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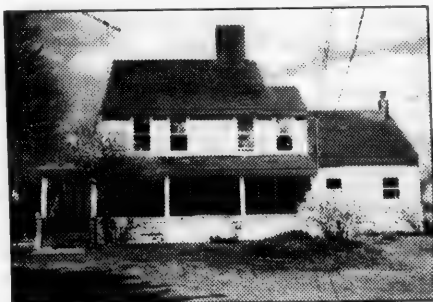
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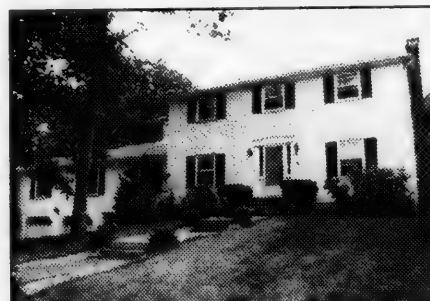
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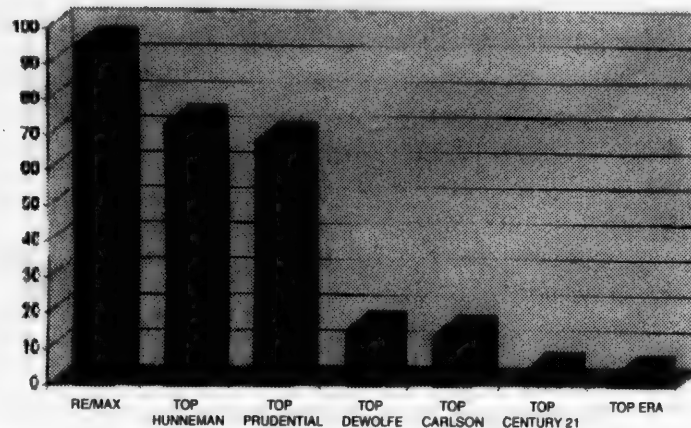
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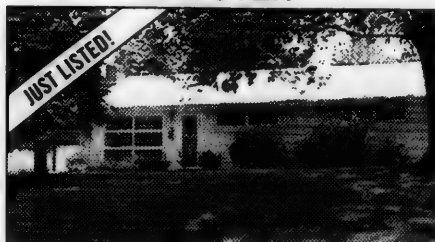
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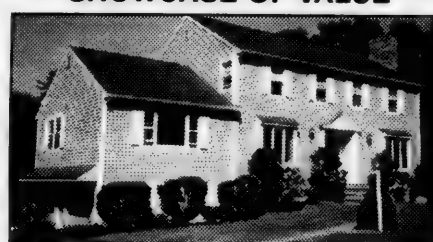


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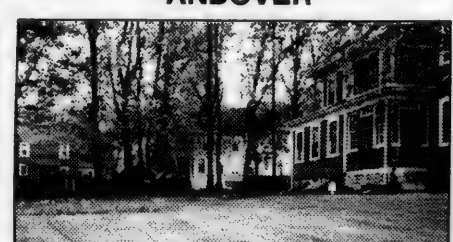


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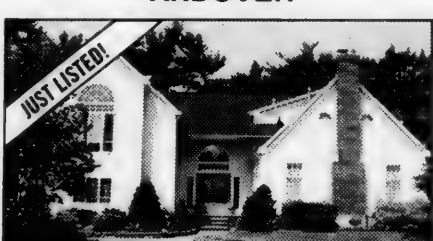
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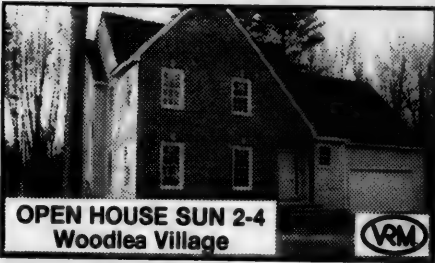


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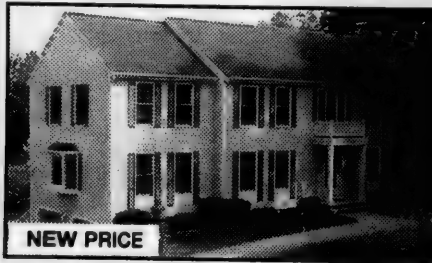


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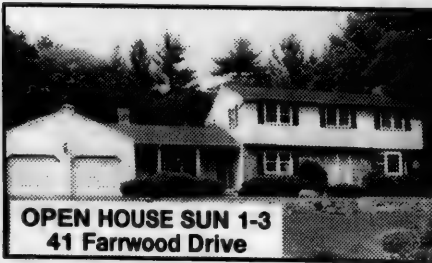
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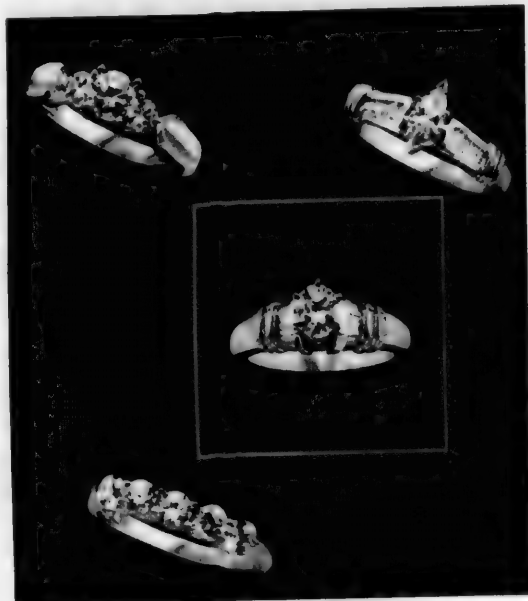
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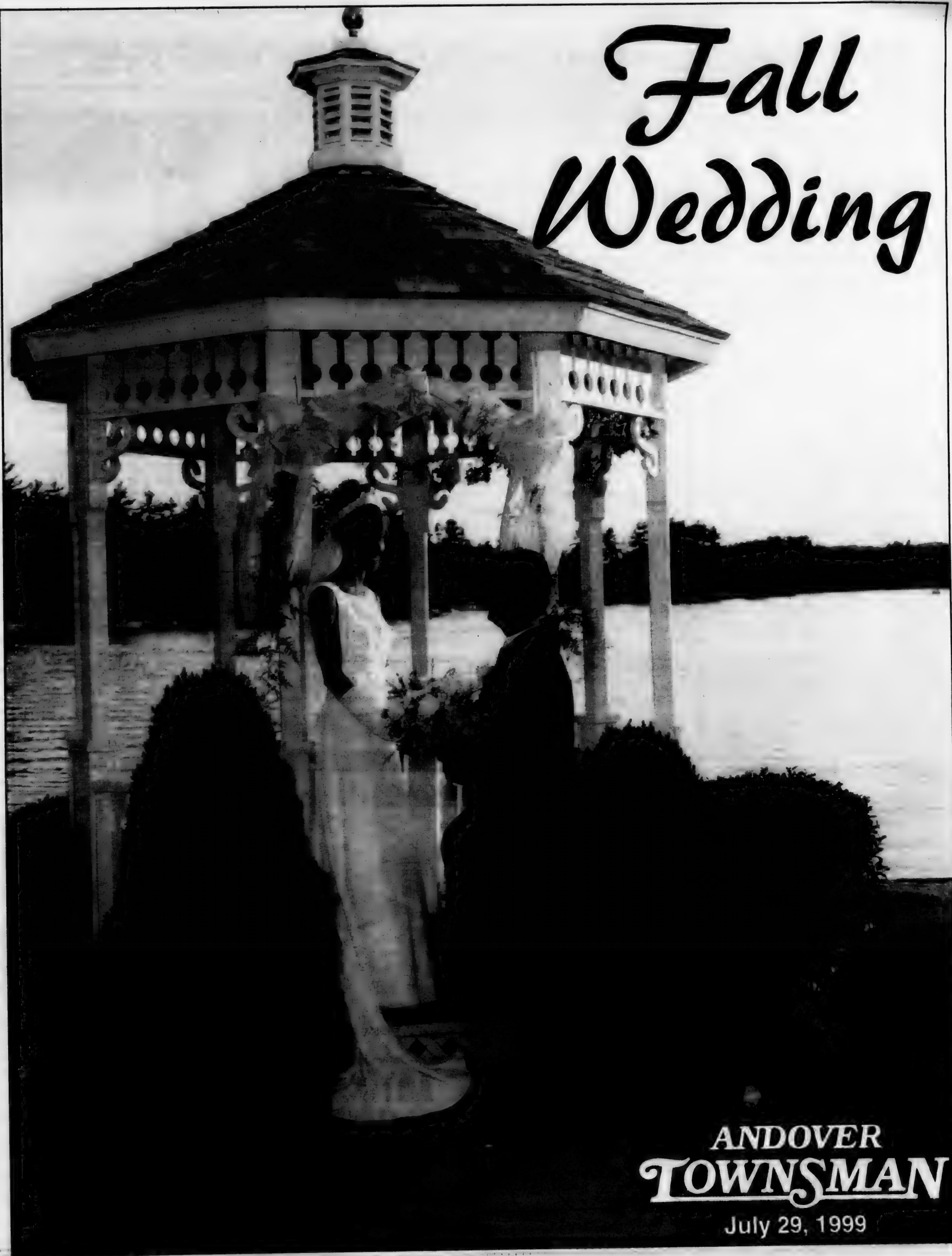
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Today's weddings blend tradition and personal style

By Karen Intravaia

Planning for one of the most important days of your life, such as your wedding, isn't an easy task. But there are ways to get the planning done and keep the stress level down.

Couples today are opting to personalize their special day, whether it is with their wedding vows, a special dinner menu or unique favors. It is easy for couples trying to plan the whole event themselves to become stressed out. There is help and an event planner can help plan the wedding of your dreams with a little less confusion.

Debbi Neyman Silverman, owner of Events by Design, Inc., explains most event planners prefer to work from start to finish, but there are others who will coordinate the day of the event. For event planners working only one day, this means making sure the flowers and band have arrived along with the many other details surrounding the event.

Neyman Silverman said most of the stress is created when you don't have a specific idea of what you want and what your budget is. She suggests putting money into what is most important to you. "Linens will make or break the look of a room, as will chairs," she said.

"If you want a nice affair and are on a budget, pick what is important to you."

Her philosophy is, "You can have it all, just not at the same time."

"So much goes into a wedding, it should be fun," she said. "Enjoy planning the wedding. You won't enjoy the event if you don't enjoy the planning." A wedding is an emotionally-charged event and it can bring out both the best and worst in people, she said.

As an event planner, Neyman Silverman has seen many changes over the years. Rehearsal dinners are now including out-of-state guests and are being called a pre-nuptial dinner.

Weddings are becoming bigger occasions with multiple events tied into them. Couples are finding it difficult to ask people to meet at only one event and mingle. Some of the events surrounding the big day might include a cocktail party on Friday night, brunch on Sunday after the wedding, a pre-nuptial dinner, a golf outing or other events in the area. Right now, she is seeing two types of weddings. On one hand, the economy is good and there are many bigger weddings taking place, sparing no expense. But,

she is also seeing the opposite take place with people having much smaller weddings and more budget-oriented couples. They might want to have a nice wedding, but not spend the entire down payment on their future home.

"Many times both first and second time brides and grooms are hosting their own events," she said.

Weddings held at private homes and estates have become quite popular. "The couple can have a blow out affair with tents and a 12-piece band, or simple and elegant with 50 people and a quartet," she said.

When choosing your contractors for the wedding day, Neyman Silverman offers some tips. As a consultant, she tries to pull in suppliers from the area, fitting personalities with her clients. She said many times local businesses are smaller and will really try to do something different. "Some of the personalities of your contractors really matter," she said. "Having a good personality fit with someone you will be dealing with a lot that day such as the photographer, videographer or function manager, is a good idea. It is not so important that your

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Henry Broekhoff, innkeeper for the Andover Inn, is finding that 99 to 100 percent of the weddings held at the Andover Inn, are serving the wedding cake for dessert along with ice cream or sorbet. "In the olden days, people would provide boxes or cocktail napkins for their guests to take home a piece of the wedding cake," he said. "Three months later, they were finding them in their car seats."

On the cover:

Michelle and Reginald Eld recently celebrated their wedding day with a reception at Castleton in Windham, N.H. The new Mrs. Eld is a reporter for Town Crossings newspaper in Andover. Photo by Patricia Ryan

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personality fits with the linen people or florist. These are people that you will only see once this day and you have to like their work and their personality isn't as important."

Theme weddings have also become popular. At a recent wedding planned by Neyman Silverman at Rosecliff in Newport, RI, the bride chose to go with the rose theme. She had rose centerpieces, her bridesmaids wore rose-colored gowns, the invitations had a rose imprinted, and party favors were rose candles.

Taking the place of guest cards these days are table boards which are hung on the wall or on an easel for guests to check where they are seated. Wedding scrolls listing the guest's names and table numbers have also gained in popularity. Some people are putting place cards at the actual seat at the table. A new idea for place cards is to add an imprinted notation that a donation to the Jimmy Fund or any other charity has been made in the guest's name. "This is a nice way to acknowledge your guests and make a contribution to charity in place of favors," said Neyman Silverman.

As for favors, people are doing more practical things. They are incorporating the centerpiece, attaching something for the guests that then becomes their favor. Many are using centerpieces that guests can't take home. They are renting the

According to Weddings.com, the average wedding in the United States boasts the following statistics:

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Number of guests: 188
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table, it can be a real party killer," she said. "Everyone thinks the event is over when they see the centerpieces leaving."

Creative uses of flowers for centerpieces are becoming popular. Fruits and vegetables, such as artichokes and lemons, are being scooped out and candles are put in them. Neyman Silverman suggests when considering using candles at your event, check with the hotel to make sure a fire marshal is not required. Some hotels do require it.

Many couples are getting away from rice being thrown after the ceremony due to the hazard for animals and it is slippery. At some affairs, rose petals are being thrown from a cone with the bride and groom's name on them. Silver bells are being rung, along with butterfly or balloon releases. Neyman Silverman suggests checking with the state requirements if you chose to use any of these ideas, as different states have different laws. One state might have a ban on Mylar or foil-balloon releases because of environmental factors. At some home weddings, fireworks are set off after the ceremony. Again, Neyman Silverman suggests having someone trained in this field and also check the legality. Fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

A new trend is sending out a "Save the date" card to guests, six to nine months in advance. This eliminates a

huge packet, if multiple events are planned. Information included on these cards might be directions, things to do in the area, hotels, and a list of the multiple events such as the ceremony, reception and Sunday brunch. These should always include at the bottom, "Formal invitation to follow" as to avoid confusion as to whether this is the only invitation being sent at this early of a date.

Neyman Silverman suggests an ideal time frame for planning a wedding is six to nine months in advance. "This gives enough time to search out all the options, but not enough time to agonize over the details," she said. The exception to this time frame would be a bride or groom who has very specific requirements, such as the date, hotel or band.

For couple with such specific requirements, planning should be done at least one year to 18 months in advance.

The most popular months for weddings are May, June, September and October and the most popular night, of course, is Saturday. However, Neyman Silverman is seeing people planning weddings all year round. The average cost for a Boston hotel wedding with 150 to 200 people is \$50,000. For the surrounding areas, the average cost is \$35,000. "We can do it for less and can absolutely do it for more," said Neyman Silverman. She said you can have a beautiful event for \$15,000, just know what you want.

Neyman Silverman feels, in general, weddings are becoming more sophisticated. The bride might still be throwing her bouquet, but eliminating the garter belt routine. She is also seeing a return to the use of etiquette. This is including addressing invitations with Miss vs. Ms., and the proper uses of Mrs.. She feels these rules are easy to learn and are rules by which to act and react. They are all based on making people feel comfortable.

"An example of this is from a fable of long ago, where a King was invited to dinner at a Queen's home," she said. "Soup was served and instead of using his spoon, he picked up his bowl and drank it. Instead of saying, 'That's not the way we do things here,' the Queen and all the other guests picked up their bowls and drank the soup from them. It was all done to make the guest feel comfortable."

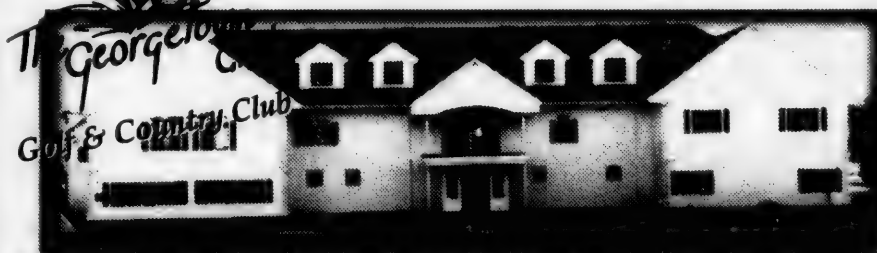
Party planners are great for situations where proper etiquette is wanted. They are able to give the pros and cons to different situations and explain what is preferred.

"Keep in mind, you can't worry about things you can't control such as, the weather, illness and airline strikes," said Neyman Silverman. "You can plan for these but can't control them."

Innkeeper Henry Broekhoff of the Andover Inn is accustomed to the hustle and bustle of wedding planning

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and has seen a trend with couples not only holding the reception at the Andover Inn, but the ceremony as well.

For the past 23 years, he has been helping make many brides dreams come true of a perfect wedding. "We are seeing 35 percent of couples having the ceremony take place here as well, with the exception of Roman Catholics," he said.

This has been a real change within the last five years with the ceremony taking place on the lawn or in a private room at the Andover Inn. He has also seen more candlelight or evening receptions, lasting until midnight. "If there are a lot of out of town guests, many couples are extending the reception and rent an additional room to serve sandwiches and drinks in a private room," he said. Serving brunch the next day has also become quite popular.

The main course is always a decision. "Thirty years ago guests were just lucky to get a meal and ate everything on their plate," he said. "Now people are speaking up about dietary requirements and may be given a choice of up to three entrees including, chicken, beef or fish."

Mr. Broekhoff customizes all of his wedding menus and loves to get away from the standard chicken dish. Stations of food have become popular with younger couples because they want to see their guests mingle. However,

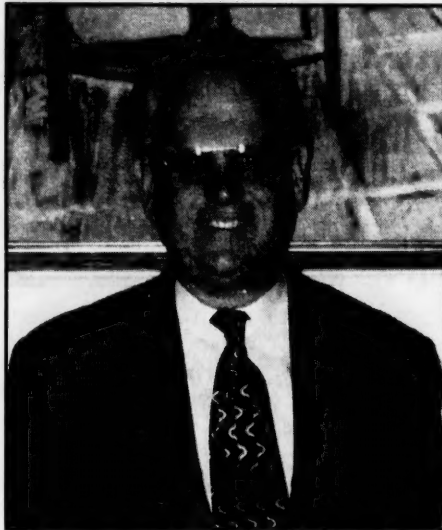


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Innkeeper Henry Broekhoff of the Andover Inn is accustomed to the hustle and bustle of wedding planning and has seen a trend with couples not only holding the reception at the Andover Inn, but the ceremony as well.

Mr. Broekhoff feels most of the time, out of respect for the aunts and uncles who want an elegant affair and want to be waited on, couples end up having a sit-down dinner. He finds the older relatives don't want to have to get up and stand in line for their food. "Out of every 10 weddings that we have here, only one will be a station wedding," he

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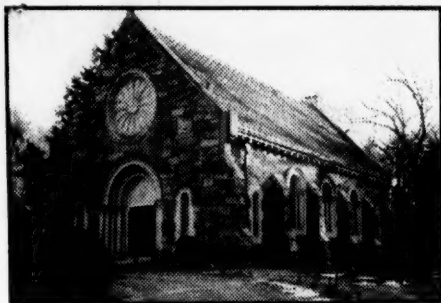
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said, "And the first thing that people do is come in and claim a table and sit down. I am not an advocate of station weddings."

Mr. Broekhoff suggests the ideal lead-time for booking a wedding be at least 12 to 18 months in advance.

"We do not have package plans," said Mr. Broekhoff. "This allows each bride to spend as much as she wants on the wedding. We can recommend a photographer or other needs the couple may have, but we don't push them into anything," he said.

There are many options to be decided and on the first meeting Mr. Broekhoff will give the guests an overview of all the options they have such as open bar, cash bar, passing wine or passing champagne. Next, the options for hor d'oeuvres must be decided. Mr. Broekhoff also makes up a worksheet for the couple with estimated quantities and choice of champagne or wine toast. At this point, the couple will have two weeks to make up their mind and he will reserve the date for them so that they can think it over. At the end of two weeks, a deposit of \$1,000 is needed to secure a definite booking.

Mr. Broekhoff will not meet with the couple again until six weeks before the wedding to go over everything. He likes to joke to his clientele, "Make your deposit, then I don't need to see you for a year, unless of course the mother of

the bride or bride has an anxiety attack."

Mr. Broekhoff is finding that 99 to 100 percent of the weddings held at the Andover Inn, are serving the wedding cake for dessert along with ice cream or sorbet. "In the olden days, people would provide boxes or cocktail napkins for their guests to take home a piece of the wedding cake," he said. "Three months later, they were finding them in their car seats."

The standard favor of matches with the bride and groom's name and wedding date has nearly disappeared today. Couples are looking for unique ways to thank their guests for participating in their special day. "At a recent wedding held here, pine trees were give as favors for the guests to plant in their backyard and remember the bride and groom forever," he said.

He is also seeing a growing trend with the bride and groom setting up activities for their guests before the ceremony. Many people are making reservations at golf clubs or setting up tours of the area for out-of-town guests.

A final tip that Mr. Broekhoff offers to keep the stress level down is, "People book a wedding 12 to 18 months in advance. The rehearsal dinner is most times an afterthought and not looked into until three months before the wedding," he said.

He suggests booking the rehearsal dinner the same time as you book the wedding.

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Wedding colors

By Francine Parnes
For AP Special Edition

NEW YORK (AP) — And the bride wore ... pink. Or lime. Or lipstick-red.

Walking down the aisle has never looked so colorful, thanks to a modern breed of bride who is saying "I do" to a whole new hue.

Courting color is the business of bridal salon owners Michelle Roth and Henry Weinreich, who grabbed the old adage about "something blue" and ran with it. Indeed, periwinkle blue is the number one choice for their contemporary customers who fast-forward right past the time-honored white wedding dress. While there's no shortage of demand at the salon for basic ivory or candlelight, periwinkle is "traditionalist with a twist," said Roth.

Next, in order of her customer preference, comes lilac ("highly feminine and ethereal"), then blush pink ("more traditional and feminine"), maize or yellow ("warm and sophisticated"), and gold ("Renaissance princess").

Brides desiring a blaze of color choose lime green ("bold, definite, cool, calm and collected") or red ("passionate").

At bridal salon Michelle Roth in New York, sales of colorful dresses, be they belle-of-the-ball gowns or sleek embroidered columns, have doubled in the past year. Chalk it up to fashion freedom, said Weinreich, executive vice president. He is also the brother of Roth, company founder and president.

"Today's bride is not going to be told when to marry, how to marry and whom to marry. She is far more independent,"

said Weinreich, who caters to a clientele composed largely of first-time brides, 30 to 45 years old.

"No one today can tell a bride what style to wear or what color to wear. That is why we have seen such phenomenal growth in the use of color, be it a smattering of color on the gown or the entire gown itself," said Weinreich.

And that is why "around one-fifth of our brides are walking down the aisle in canary yellow or blue," he said.

"When we style a bride, we take everything into account — the location, the season, the time of day, and what the bride wants to reflect," said Weinreich.

"We recently had a bride with an extremely gregarious personality sunshine personified. She was getting married on a farm and was riding in on a horse. So heeeello," said Weinreich, suggesting a conclusion that to the styled-minded might seem obvious.

"With the color of her eyes and her personality, we put her in a corset with periwinkle lace. From a bride's perspective, with color she can really express herself. From our perspective, color is truly the highest form of sophistication and styling."

Don't even think of dictating fashion to today's bride, he said.

"In choosing the dress, 80 percent of our clients determine for themselves what they are going to wear. They are the final arbiter," said Weinreich.

"Even 10 years ago, it would have been the other way around. Mother would have had the final decision."

The perfect wedding toast

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Here are tips for the perfect wedding toast:

- Choose a traditional wedding toast or compose an original.
- Make sure that not only your glass, but also all other glasses are filled before you propose a toast.
- Make sure that you know the first thing you are going to say, and the rest will usually follow comfortably.
- If you are nervous, take three or four deep breaths before rising.
- Stand and raise your glass with your right hand.

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Clink glasses after the toast has been proposed, but before it is drunk. This tradition is rooted in earliest human history-people have always made a noise, like the ringing of a bell or the clinking of a glass, to frighten away evil spirits.

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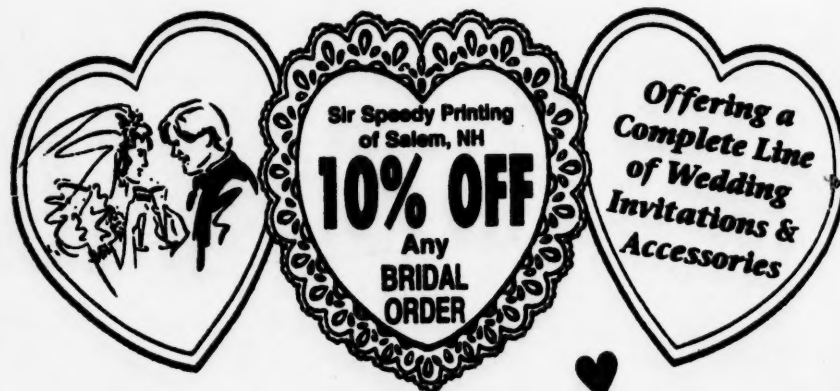
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Here is a checklist of things to do:

- Change bank accounts, identification and credit cards if you have taken a new name. Notify Social Security, get your driver's license issued, contact your bank and credit card companies and have the passport office issue a new passport with your new name.

- Fill out new beneficiary forms. If you have life insurance, call your insurance company or agent to request a new beneficiary designation form, complete it promptly and send it to the insurance company. Also file new beneficiary designation forms if you participate in a life insurance or 401(k) program at work or have an IRA. You should do this even if you intend to maintain the same beneficiaries. You will need separate forms for each policy or plan. Then follow up to be sure the new beneficiary forms have all been recorded.

- Adjust your health insurance. If one or both of you have health insurance, decide now if you want to put all coverage under one plan. In many cases, you may get better coverage and/or save money. Most employer sponsored health insurance plans allow only a short time to add a

If you have a lot of assets, shared or otherwise, consider a post-nuptial agreement. It may be an unpleasant thought right now, but it is practical, provides peace of mind and can protect you and your assets.

new spouse.

- Write a Will. Make a decision now about who you would want to inherit your estate. You may want to protect your children from a prior marriage, or your parents or siblings as well as your spouse. In the event of a tragedy, without a Will your estate would go to those your state's legislature chose for you. (Your wishes would not be honored, and your survivors could be tied up for years in probate court.) And if you already have a Will, make sure you quickly prepare and execute a new one. In most states, your old Will is no longer fully enforceable.

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